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illiam Penn: an Historical Biography. With an extra Chapter on 'The Macaulay Charges.' By William Hepworth Dixon. Chapman &

ms volume before us demands especial otice for two reasons:—in the first place, is an elaborate biography of William Penn, shibiting great research, and bringing toal information; in the second, it makes an hiable exposure of blunders committed by Mr. Macaulay in reference to its hero which nil go far to compromise his character as a hisman. This latter subject is of so much inerse the natural order of our notice; and aying the 'Life' itself untouched for the preat, to pass on to the Supplementary Chapter which Mr. Dixon discusses Mr. Macaulay's charges against Penn, and reinstates the character of the latter on that moral elevation from thich it had been most unjustly and carelessly rethrown. The task is by no means a pleaant one; because, whatever the charm of Mr. Macaulay's narration, much of the credit due to is statements of facts, and of reliance on his amination of authorities, are destroyed by this chapter of Mr. Dixon's work. Before going into the subject, we must premise some general

Of all branches of our English literature, History furnishes, in our opinion, the departent wherein it is most important that great bilities and conscientious industry should com-Recollecting the brilliant success of nodern French historians in various schools of wifing-Thierry, Sismondi, Guizot, and others, we have often felt regret that our English school of history did not occupy a higher rank. We have had many commentators on history, and clever reviewers of past transactions,-but no other names to class with those of Hume and Gibbon. Our historical works have displayed ming and research; but style, attractiveness, and philosophic grasp were wanting to most of them. Mr. Fox and Sir James Mackintosh both filed as historians. Even if they had completed their performances, their laurels would not have been long-lived. The first was a delater on paper:—the last a mere moralizing essyist, wanting alike in rapid narration and in graphic portraiture. Mr. Macaulay, the mediaed reviewer and brilliant popular essayist, as aspired to give England another historical mme worthy to take rank with the names of Gibbon and of Hume.

The appearance of his historical work was aled with a burst of enthusiasm which was all but universal, and in which we could not but jun. Brilliant in language, vehement in feeling, graphic in narrative, the majority of readers nd in it what they wished. Pictures and portraits were artistically worked out in its glowing and exciting pages. When, however, men had time to recover from the charm of a manner which seemed to conciliate the claims of History and of Romance, doubts arose whether these had been so well adjusted as at first they seemed,—whether, in fact, this species of pic-ture-writing was, after all, the one best suited to the sober duties of the historian. Laxity of statement was gradually detected and ex-posed; and it was seen that the colour which gave such a glow to the page was in part re-ceived from passion. King William was made one of the most dazzling and delightful personthat ever figured in a professed historical come at once to Mr. Dixon's classification of declare in strong language that the maids of honour

novel. Whigs were written up,-Tories written down,—party prejudices and party traditions appealed to and enforced. None of the judicial severity of Mr. Hallam was to be found in the dashing celerity with which Mr. Macaulay lauded one class and lashed another. The writing of the work had all the fire and force belong to strong feelings and strong confidence in an author's own powers.

While the work was still in its first blaze of popularity, it was subjected to a virulent attack in a leading quarterly organ of criticism. The animus of the reviewer was patent to all men. His object was obviously less to criticize than to castigate an old adversary in Parliament and in literary polemics. An elaborate essay, snarling and sarcastic, making mountains of mere molehill mistakes, and utterly disparaging the talents of the historian, produced a result favourable to the historian. Just when doubt and distrust had been awakened, the Quarterly Reviewer caused unintentionally a momentary reaction in favour of the "Waverley Novel school of history." Still, the fear that the influence of the literary colourists in our historical school was not a wholesome one, gained ground. It was apprehended that from the school having been too bald and prosaic, it might become exclusively romantic and picturesque. The depreciation of actuality was dreaded; and men had the fear of Sallust, St. Réal, and Lamartine before their eyes. The future chapters of the work were looked to with apprehension. So far as Mr. Macaulay had hitherto gone, he had advantages which were failing him. Mr. Fox and Sir James Mackintosh had done more than merely pave the way for him. They had collected a vast portion of materials :- to sift and verify which, and to tell the story in his own style, had been Mr. Macaulay's proper task.— All such fears will now be thought more than justified; and Mr. Dixon's exposure of Mr. Macaulay's accusations against Penn - honestly undertaken in the course of his duty as a biographer-will do more to discredit the latter's historical authority than a hundred reviews carrying a personal sting.

In our notice of Mr. Macaulay's volumes at the time of their appearance [see Athen. No. 1102, p. 1229], we said:—"A name universally celebrated has been deprived of much of its glory by Mr. Macaulay's researches. This is for many and obvious reasons a painful subject to dwell on :- for those deeply interested in the subject we leave the founder of Pennsylvania in the hands of Mr. Macaulay." could not but even then be struck by the singular travestie which Mr. Macaulay's pages had made of a character whose claims to reverence had not before been disputed. A suspicion which was merely instinctive prevented our dwelling on the case at that early period; for there was no denying that, if Mr. Macaulay's authorities were trustworthy, his painful case was made out,-and it was scarcely to be supposed that he undertook thus to upset history on any-thing short of due authority arrived at by careful

research. We presume that our readers are all familiar with the position in which the Quakers stood at the time of the accession of James to the throne. "The two extreme sects (Roman Catholics and Quakers), precisely because they were extreme sects, had a common interest distinct from the interest of the intermediate sects." (Macaulay, i. 505.) It is not necessary to detail the relation at length. William Penn, a member of the Quaker body, had long been a personal friend of James, to whom he owed many favours of no unimportant kind. We

the charges brought by Mr. Macaulay against this distinguished man .-

"(I.) That his connexion with the court in 1684, while he lived at Kensington, caused his own sect to look coldly on him, and even treat him with obloquy. (II.) That 'he extorted money' from the girls of Taunton for the maids of honour. (III.) That he allowed himself to be employed in the work of seducing Kiffin into a compliance with court designs. (IV.) That he endeavoured to gain William's assent to the promulgated edict suspending the penal laws. (V.) That he 'did his best to seduce' the Magdalen collegians 'from the path of right,' and was 'a broker in simony of a peculiarly discreditable kind.'"

Of these, we must remark, that the first and fourth charges shrink into comparative unimportance before the specific and circumstantial scandals of which Penn is accused in the second, third, and fifth counts of the indictment. We will proceed, therefore, to examine-first, the extortion charges,—secondly, the seduction charge,— and, thirdly, the accusation of simony:—recommending, however, the whole of this "Supplementary Chapter" to the notice of our readers.

First. The charge of having extorted money from the girls of Taunton for the Queen's maids of honour would, if proved against Penn, be irredeemably disgraceful,—and enough to justify much of the galling censure to which Mr. Macaulay has subjected Penn's memory.—

"Nor was his integrity altogether proof against the temptations to which it was exposed in that splendid and polite, but deeply corrupted, society with which he now mingled. The whole court was in a ferment with intrigues of gallantry and intrigues of ambition. The traffic in honours, places, and pardons was incessant. It was natural that a man who was daily seen at the palace, and who was known to have free access to majesty, should be frequently importuned to use his influence for purposes which a rigid morality must condemn. The integrity of Penn had stood firm against obloquy and persecution. But now, attacked by royal smiles, by female blandishments, by the insinuating eloquence and delicate flattery of veteran diplomatists and courtiers, his resolution began to give way. Titles and phrases against which he had often borne his testimony dropped occasionally from his lips and his pen. It would be well if he had been guilty of nothing worse than such compliances with the fashions of the world. Unhappily, it cannot be concealed that he bore a chief part in some transactions condemned, not merely by the rigid code of the society to which he belonged, but by the general sense of all honest men. He afterwards solemnly protested that his hands were pure from illicit gain, and that he had never were pare from lifely gain, and the limit here received any gratuity from those whom he had obliged, though he might easily, while his influence at court lasted, have made a hundred and twenty thousand pounds. To this assertion full credit is due. But bribes may be offered to vanity as well as to cupidity; and it is impossible to deny that Penn was cajoled into bearing a part in some unjustifiable transactions of which others enjoyed the profits."

Subsequently, at page 655, Mr. Macaulay narrates the extortion charge.

"But the prey on which they pounced most eagerly was one which it might have been thought that even the must ungentle natures would have spared. Already some of the girls who had presented the standard to Monmouth at Taunton had cruelly expiated their offence. * * Most of the young ladies, however, who had walked in the procession were still alive. Some of them were under ten years of age. All had acted under the orders of their schoolmistress, without knowing that they were committing a crime. The queen's maids of honour asked the royal permission to wring money out of the parents of the poor children; and the permission was granted. An order was sent down to Taunton that all these little girls should be seized and imprisoned. Sir Francis Warre, of Hestercombe, the Tory member for Bridgewater, was requested to undertake the office of exacting the ransom. He was charged to

would not endure delay; that they were determined to prosecute to outlawry unless a reasonable sum were forthcoming; and that by a reasonable sum was meant seven thousand pounds. Warre excused him-self from taking any part in a transaction so scan-dalous. The maids of honour then requested William Penn to act for them; and Penn accepted the commission. Yet it should seem that a little of the pertinacious scrupulosity which he had often shown about taking off his hat would not have been altogether out of place on this occasion. He probably silenced the remonstrances of his conscience by re peating to himself that none of the money which he extorted would go into his own pocket; that if he refused to be the agent of the ladies they would find agents less humane; that by complying he should increase his influence at the court; and that his influence at the court had already enabled him, and might still enable him, to render great services to his oppressed brethren. The maids of honour were at last forced to content themselves with less than a third part of what they had demanded.

For his statement respecting William Penn the writer quotes in the foot-note 'Letter of Sunderland to Penn,' from the State Paper Office, in the Mackintosh Collection. One would have supposed that Mr. Macaulay as a conscientious historian, would have condescended to verify his authority. But such vulgar and clerk-like labour would seem to have been beneath the dignity of his brilliant powers. We think the improbability of such a charge against such a man should have made him more than commonly on his guard. But he never took the trouble to test the reference of Mackintosh! Mr. Dixon does not quote in extenso the passage from Mackintosh which Mr. Macaulay with inexcusable carelessness has foreborne to examine. It is as follows.

"The young women of Taunton, who had presented colours and a Bible to Monmouth, were excepted by name from the general pardon, in order that they might purchase separate pardons. To aggravate this inde-cency, the money to be thus extorted from them was granted to persons of their own sex-the queen's maids of honour; and it must be added with regret that William Penn, sacrificing other objects to the hope of obtaining the toleration of his religion from the king's favour, was appointed an agent to the maids of honour, and submitted to receive instructions 'to make the most advantageous composition he could in their behalf." - Mackintosh, p. 32.

As his authority for that statement Sir James refers in the note to "Lord Sunderland to William Penn, 13 Feb. 1686." Mr. Macaulay accepts the statement and the note on Sir James Mackintosh's authority,-when it was most incumbent on him to examine carefully the truth of both. What, then, will our readers say or think when they learn that it turns out on investigation that Penn had nothing whatever to do with the transaction; and that another person-a low creature of the name of Penne-was the compounder engaged upon this discreditable service? The original letter is printed by Mr. Dixon .-

"Mr. Penne _ Her Majties Maids of Honour having acquainted me that they designe to employ you and Mr. Walden in making a composition with the Relations of the Maids of Taunton for the high Misdemeanor they have been guilty of, I do at their request hereby let you know that His Majty has been pleased to give their Fines to the said maids of Honor, and therefore recommend it to Mr. Walden and you to make the most advantageous composition you can in their behalfe.- I am, Sir, your humble servant, SUNDERLAND P."

Sir James Mackintosh assumed that this letter was addressed to William Penn:-unwarned even by the different spelling of the name.

"But [continues Mr. Dixon] Mackintosh went still further: he not only assumed, without warrant, that a letter addressed to a 'Mr. Penne,' to engage him in a 'scandalous transaction,' was addressed to the governor of Pennsylvania; but he also dared,

in defiance of every rule of historical criticism, to assume that William Penn accepted the commission that was so offered. Mr. Macaulay, of course, copied this gross mistake from Sir James, and gave it the additional currency of his own volumes. is particularly noticeable,-that Mr. Macaulay did not consult the original authorities, but satisfied himself with merely quoting from the 'Mackintosh Collection.' Now, this letter was certainly not addressed to William Penn. (1.) In the first place, it does not bear his name: he never wrote his name Penne,' nor did others ever so write it. In the Pennsylvania correspondence, in the Minutes of the Privy Council, and in the letters of Van Citters, Locke, Lawton, Bailey, Creech and Hunt, and in the correspondence of his private friends, I have seen it written hundreds of times, but never once, even by accident, with an e final. Least of all men could Sunderland, his intimate acquaintance from boyhood, make such a mistake .- (2.) The letter is highly disrespectful, if supposed to be written to a man of his rank-a man who had refused a peerage, and who stood before the court, not only as a personal friend to the King, but as Lord Proprietor of the largest province in America; the more especially would this be the case when it is considered that the letter was written by the polite and diplomatic Earl of Sunderland .- (3.) The work to be done required a low, trafficking agent, who could go down to Taunton and stay there until the business was concluded: it is obvious that this could not be done by William Penn .- (4.) The letter is evidently a reply to an offer of service: the maids of honour 'designe to employ' Mr. Penne and Mr. Walden, because, as it seems to me, they had applied for the office. Malice itself would shrink from the assumption that the governor of Pennsylvania would voluntarily solicit such an employment .- (5.) It is contrary to everything else that is known of Penn that he would allow himself, on any pretence, to be drawn into such a business.—(6.) No mention of it occurs in any of his letters: I have read some hundreds of them, and although he was the most communicative of correspondents, not a trace of his action, or of his having been applied to, in the affair is to be found. Knowing his epistolary habit, this fact alone would have satisfied my own mind .- (7.) No mention has been made of his interference by any news-writer, pamphleteer, or historian,-though, had he been concerned, the host of maligners, who rose against him on the flight of James, could certainly not have failed to point their sarcasms with the 'scandalous transaction' and 'extortion of money.'-(8.) No tradition of his appearance on the scene is preserved in the neighbourhood; when, had he really been the agent employed, it is impossible that so conspicuous a broker could have faded so soon from local recollection.

All these are good reasons why any historian should have been slow to adopt the hypothesis that the founder of Pennsylvania was the extortion agent employed. But Mr. Dixon does not rest here. With great industry, he has followed the matter up,—and found the very man wanted, in the midst of his trafficking down at Taunton. He says,-

" But, if William Penn were not the 'Mr. Penne' addressed by Lord Sunderland, and designed by the ladies to be employed in their behalf-who was the man? A little research enables me to answer this question. In the registers of the Privy Council, I find this entry :-

4 Nov. 25, 1687. 'GEORGE PENNE_Upon reading the petition of George Penne, gent., setting forth that his family having been great sufferers for their loyalty, he humbly begs that His Majesty would be graciously pleased to grant him a patent for the sole exercising the Royal Oak Lottery, and licensing all other games in His Majesty's plantations in America, for twentyone years. His Majesty in Council is pleased to refer this matter to the consideration of the Rt. Hon, the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and upon what their Lordships report of what is fit to be done therein for the petitioner, His Majesty

will declare his further pleasure. This man, whose fitting reward, according to his own estimate of the value of his services, was the

fief of a gambling table, was the Mr. Penne, Bi name is always spelt with the final c. In the first draft of the foregoing minute, the clerk had and the name George Penn, both in the margin and in the text, but has filled the final letter in afterno as if prophetically guarding against any confin of this wretched fellow with the great Governor Pennsylvania. He was a low hanger on about the back-doors of the Court, ready for any dirty wat When pardons were to be bought and sold, he was a pardon-broker. He was actively engaged in the Taunton affair; and among other feats, as I am all to state on the authority of a family cash-book still preserved, he obtained 65% from Nathaniel Pinne preserved, he obtained on the limit remains a the ransom of his brother, Azariah Piner, os of the transported rebels. Mr. Walden was a parently an agent of the same kind, and equally as deservedly obscure. For some reason, however, the design to employ these men miscarried, and the maids of honour found another agent in the person of Brent, the Popish lawyer, who was a regula pardon-broker, and was arrested on the flight of King James, as I find by the minutes of Pring Council. This fellow employed as great a rasal as himself, one Crane, of Bridgewater, as his subagen and between them they settled the business, as Oid. mixon relates.

-This is certainly as complete an exposure of a grave historical blunder as we have met with for many a day.

Secondly, the charge against Penn of having tried to seduce Kiffin is thus discussed by

" Towards the close of his reign, when the church men openly repudiated their own doctrine of panir obedience, James became anxious to secure adhesion of his dissenting subjects; and among other leading men he selected Penn's old opponent William Kiffin, the Baptist, for a city magistrary But two of Kiffin's grandsons had been taken an executed in the western rebellion, and it was doubte whether the old man would comply with the wisher of the Court. At this point Mr. Macaulay into duces Penn. 'The heartless and venal sycophant of Whitehall, judging by themselves, thought that the old man would be easily propitiated by an alder man's gown, and by some compensation in mone for the property which his grandsons had forfeited Penn was employed in the work of seduction, but Now, there is not the slightest to no purpose.' foundation in history for this statement. Mr. Macaulay here asserts that Penn was 'employed by the 'heartless and venal sycophants' of the Court to seduce Kiffin into an acceptance of the alderman gown,-and that he failed. The passage mean this, or it means nothing. It will be allowed that on such a point Kiffin himself must be the bes authority: in his autobiography lately published from the original manuscript, he says,—'In a little after, a great temptation attended me, which was a commission from the King to be one of the aldermen of the city of London; which, as soon as I heard of it, I used all the diligence I could to be excused, both by some lords near the King, and also by & Nicholas Butler and Mr. Penn. But it was all in Nicholas Butler and Mr. Penn. vain.' This is just the reverse of what Mr. Macaulay states. Penn did not go to Kiffin; Kiffin went to Penn. Instead of being employed in the work of seduction, he was engaged in the task of intercession.

Mr. Macaulay makes Kiffin refuse the magistracy:

Kiffin says he accepted it:—'The next Court day I came to the Court and took upon me the office of

Thirdly, the accusation of simony and of endeavouring to seduce the Fellows of Magdalen College remains now to be examined. Our readers will recollect the proceedings which King James took against that college. The story is told afresh in the ninth chapter of the present Life of Penn; but in the Supplementary Chapter before us, Mr. Dixon confines himself to a special refutation of Mr. Macaulay's errors: first quoting his material passages,-and then numbering them for separate remark .-

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We have not space to go into Mr. Dixon's refutation of the first and second charges,—but must refer our readers to the work itself: contenting ourselves with saying, that though there tening ourselves with saying, that though there is evidence enough to show that Penn may have been a dupe of the King, he certainly was not "a tool" of his in the ordinary sense of that term. Let us see, however, what Mr. Dixon has to say against Mr. Macaulay's tremendous charge of Penn's "being corrupted by evil communications" and "becoming a broker in

"(3) Was the agency of Penn employed to terrify, cares, or bribe the collegians into submission? There is not even a shadow of authority for this most uncharitable assertion. Penn was alarmed at mest uncharitative assertion. Team was another at the quarrel, fearing it might lead, through the com-bined obstinacy of the King and Fellows, to a loss of the College Charter, and a transfer of its immense revenues to the Papists, and he interposed his good offices to heal the wound. Instead of looking on him as a person 'employed' to terrify, caress, or bribe them into submission, we have the evidence of Dr. Bailey, one of the inculpated Fellows, and that of Thomas Creech, a student, that the collegians regarded him as a friend and mediator 'in their behalf.'—(4) Did he 'do his best to seduce the colbehalf.—(4) Did no do his best to secure the col-lege from the path of right's Mr. Macaulay's knowledge of the proceeding appears to be derived from 'Wilmot's Life of Hough, though he does not quote it—and from the 'State Trials.' To these sources of information must be added the MS, letters of Dr. Sykes and Mr. Creech, preserved in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, and the MS. papers of George Hunt, now in the possession of the President of Magdalen College. Hunt was one of the Fellows, and was present at the interview with Penn; Sykes and Creech were both of them well informed as to all the incidents which occurred; yet so far is either he, or are they, from saying that he attempted to 'seduce them from the path of right,' that they agree exactly in the emphatic and conclusive statement, that, after hearing their reasons, he agreed with them that they were justified in their resistance. He even went further, he became their champion. In their presence he wrote a manly English letter to his sovereign, in which he told him in very plain terms_'that their case was hard; that in their circumstances they could not yield without a breach of their oaths; and that such mandates were a force on conscience, and not agreeable to the King's other macious indulgences. How singularly unfortunate is Mr. Macaulay in his authorities! 'Penn,' he says, exhorted the Fellows not to rely on the goodness of their cause, but to submit, or at least to tempotim.' I defy Mr. Macaulay to give any trustworthy authority for this Macchiavellian counsel. He wisely abstains from quoting his author; but the curious reader will find it in the twelfth volume of the 'State Trials,' in the shape of an anonymous letter which was addressed by some unknown person during the heat of the dispute to Dr. Bailey, one of the Fellows. Bailey, 'from the charitable purpose' of the letter, thought it might have come from Penn; and to ascertain the fact, wrote a reply to Penn without signing his name, saying that if he were his amonymous correspondent he would know how to address his answer. Of course no reply came. No man conversant with Penn's habit of writing could for an instant mistake it for his :- it commences, 'Sir,'-and the second person plural is used throughout. Nor is this all the evidence against its being witten by Penn. The contemporary account of these proceedings has written, in Hunt's hand, on the margin of this letter, the words—'This letter Mr. Penn disowned.' Yet it is on the assumption that P. that Penn actually wrote this thrice-proved spurious | all the parties concerned, after a lapse of nearly two | by which the proposition involved in the name

epistle, that Mr. Macaulay has built his most serious accusation! What would be said of such evidence in a court of justice? Surely the memories of the illustrious dead are not less precious than the pro-perty of the living! Let me say, to the credit of Mackintosh, that he makes no charge against Penn in this Oxford business. Here Mr. Macaulay is perfectly original. (5) Did Penn deal 'in simony of a particularly disreputable kind, and use a bishopric as a bait to tempt a divine to perjury? Mr. Macaulay continues to represent him as employed by the court; and having, as he says, failed in his attempt to terrify the collegians into obedience, he 'then tried a gentler tone. He had an interview with Hough, and with some of the Fellows, and after many professions of sympathy and friendship, began to hint at a compromise. . . . 'How should you like,' said Penn, 'to see Dr. Hough Bishop of Oxford?' Hereupon follows the indignation about simony and pressure. Norelet in respect to a result. perjury. Now, let us see what is really known about this interview. Dr. Hough, its chief subject, wrote on the evening of the day on which it took place a letter to his cousin, in which he recited the principal heads of the discourse,—and this account, from one too deeply interested to be impartial, and too much excited to remember anything but what especially concerned his own prospects and position, is unfortunately the only existing authority. Hunt was not present at this interview, and no account of it is preserved in the Magdalen College MSS. Hol-MS. letters in the same library commence posterior to the affair of Penn; and Baron Jenner's MS. account of the Visitation is not to be found. But let us take the authority we have, imperfect though it be, and see what matter can be drawn from it in support of the accusation. What says Hough? In the outset, instead of Penn being 'employed, as Mr. Macaulay continues to misrepresent him, to solicit the Fellows, it appears that the Fellows had sent a deputation to him, consisting of Hough and the principal members of the college. Their conversation lasted three hours; the substance of it I have given in the text of the ninth chapter of the memoir: Mr. Macaulay's version of it is in-exact in all its essential particulars. 'He then tried a gentler tone.' The historian does not seem to know that two interviews took place, one at Oxford, the other at Windsor, with six weeks of an interval: there is no evidence, except the spurious letter, that he ever used other than a gentle tone. He 'began to hint at a compromise:' the words of Hough are _'I thank God he did not so much as offer at any proposal by way of accommodation.' How reconcile such statements! Now let us hear what Hough says of the simony and perjury. Penn, who, according to Swift, 'spoke agreeably and with spirit,' was always more or less facetious in conversation. Like his father, he was fond of a joke, and had that delight in drollery which belongs to the higher natures. In this very conversation we see how he made his rhetoric dance—'Christ's Church is a noble structure, University is a pleasant place, and Magdalen College is a comely building. Hough, though not the most quick-witted of men, saw that he had a mind to droll upon us. Stolid and heavy, Hough no doubt reported the conversation honestly, so far as he could remember and understand it. To quote his words-'Once he said, smiling, If the Bishop of Oxford die, Dr. Hough may be made Bishop. What think you of that, gentlemen? Cradock, one of the Fellows present, took up the tone of pleasantry, and replied, 'they should be heartily glad of it—for it would do very well with the presidency.' Does any one doubt that this was a mere pleasantry? Observe, Penn had no commission to treat with the Fellows,-that he met them at their own request, to consider how he could serve their interests. That Cradock thought it a joke is evident from his retort. Had the suggestion of the bishopric been in earnest, it must have been offered on condition of Hough giving up the presidency of his college—that being the point at issue. In such a case to talk of the combination of the two offices would have been insulting and absurd. Even Hough himself, the least jocular of men, understood this remark as a mere pleasantry, for he instantly adds,—'But, I told him, seriously, I and no ambition.' And yet this innocent mirth, accepted and understood as such, by

centuries, is revived and tortured into a ground for one of the foulest accusations ever brought against an historical reputation!"

The passage in Hough's letter (which we have ourselves referred to) about the proposal for accommodation runs thus in the original: - "I thank God he did not so much as offer at any proposal by way of accommodation, which was the thing of the Bishop of Oxford's indisposition, he said smiling," &c. &c. (Wilmot's 'Hough,' page 28). On a cursory reading, the phrase "only once" taken in conjunction with the words "proposal of accommodation" might mislead a careless or prejudiced reader. It is very possible that Mr. Macaulay, with his mind prepossessed against Penn, fell into this error. Wilmot has a note on the passage which Mr.
Dixon might have quoted. Referring to Penn's
smile about the bishopric, he says:—" It cannot be supposed that so good a man as William Penn would have lent himself to Lord Sunderland, or even to King James, as an instrument to tempt Dr. Hough by such a lure, to give up the main purpose for which he so resolutely contended; for it is not improbable that one or both of them might have dropped this in conversation with Penn, availing themselves of his simplicity, with a view for him to make use of it, if occasion should arise." We think it worthy of especial mention also that the latest biographer of Bishop Hough, a Fellow of Magdalen College, makes none of the Macaulay charges against Penn. In the memoir pub-lished at Oxford in 1821, by William Russell, B.D., Penn is spoken of as one "whose property, abilities, integrity, and humanity had procured him not only a great degree of weight with his own and other sects as well as universal esteem, but the personal and immediate confidence of the king." We will only add, that we have ourselves scrutinized the affairs of Penn's life (on which we reserve our full opinion till next week); and there is not the smallest evidence of his being "corrupted by evil communications." In his entire portraiture of Penn, Mr. Macaulay uses his colouring brush with extreme recklessness. Having swallowed the Taunton extortion charge instead of examining it, he was ready to believe anything against his "courtly Quaker;" and the temptation of being an historical iconoclast seems to

have appealed to his appetite for originality.

Since, however, Mr. Dixon taunts Mr.

Macaulay with being "original" in his accusation about the Magdalen College business, we think we can refer the former to the authority which misled Mr. Macaulay. His historical work is full of portraits of characters, and he has evidently used Chalmers's 'Biographical Dictionary.' There is a note to the life of Penn in that work, from which it seems apparent that Mr. Macaulay drew most of his notions about Penn. Our failing space forbids us to quote it; but we will remark on it that the author had only Hough's letter for his guide,and he certainly gave it a most hasty interpretation. It is very remarkable that Wilmot writing in 1812 and Russell in 1821 biographies of Hough, both concurred—as we have shown—in a favourable view of Penn's character. Both would be astounded, no doubt, could they read Mr. Macaulay's bill of indictment against Penn!

The Dreamer and the Worker: a Story of the Present Time. By R. H. Horne.

THE title of Mr. Horne's new work has the merit of being highly suggestive; but this very power of suggesting trains of thought, contrasts of character, and the various series of events may be illustrated, has its material drawbacks so far as the novelist is concerned. Every reader will conjure up for himself the machinery of the tale as his eye glances down the titlepage; and in nearly every case the machinery so imagined will not resemble that which is employed in the book. Hence a feeling of disappointment is apt to arise; less from a sense of faults in the treatment of the theme on the ground selected by the artist for his purpose, than from a difference of view as to what ground should have been chosen and how the morals involved in the subject of "dreaming" and "working" might have been most forcibly depicted. This sort of preliminary objection, be it said, is seldom or never taken with regard to a mere story. The novel-writer, like the dramatic, has a sort of right to name his own conditions; and the reader will generally admit them without demur,—no principle being there at issue. The most startling incidents of 'Udolpho' or of 'The Italian' pass by without a protest. Trees weep tears of blood in Virgil, and Shakspeare fills the stage with supernatural beings, without shocking any sense of the proper offices of things. A large margin is granted to fiction which is denied to fact. A writer of romance may claim acceptance for his terms; but in a tale which is less a tale than a thesis in social philosophy worked out by the aids of fiction, an objection to the argument is likely not only to arise but to be insisted on.

Mr. Horne's purpose is lofty,—as the name of his book cannot fail to suggest. His wish is to show that dreaming-by which he means a sort of glorious reverie, mental abstraction, and poetic thought-is not all waste; and that an alliance between the "dreamer" and the "worker" is necessary for the world's present and future good. That this proposition—abstractly right—is clearly and vigorously made out in these pages, we will not say; for we doubt whether Mr. Horne's "dreamer" is a man with a good title to the honour of being considered a philosophic dreamer at all. Harding, the "worker," is more finely conceived; but his character is hinted rather than described,—so that we have no means of placing his portrait before the reader in a limited space. All the minor cha-racters—serious, comic, and sentimental appear to us commonplace or exaggerated; and they are made to do things which persons of their nature and class would never think of doing in the actual world. Fancy a steady-going, cautious, and cowardly English merchant, retired with a fortune from the timber trade, entering into communistic fishery schemes with such inducements and such partners as are here given to Mr. Walton! Of course, Mr. Horne may plead that the necessities of his story compelled him to ruin the father of his heroine; but we submit that he might have been ruined by means better devised. We fail to see any reason why the "worker" is at last lifted out of his class,—endowed with a refined, free, as well as educated mind,—and placed in prospect of a large fortune, in order that he may marry the lady in misfortune and make her comfortable. To us, the morals of the story seem to be hopelessly confused. The glorious "dreamer" is cut off by his rich old uncle without a shilling, and settles down to poetry and poverty in a Welsh valley,—while his young wife is sent out to do such work as she can for his support. The "worker" does not make his own way in the world,—as he ought; but is adopted by a wealthy merchant, who promises that he shall hereafter be a rich man,—but enjoins that he shall not desert his class. If the "dreamer" makes at last but a pitiable sort of figure, what shall be said of the rich and educated "worker" remaining in his own class? Does Mr. Horne

see some distinction between class and class beyond the difference in education and in means? It would almost seem as if he regarded society in England as distributed into castes, as it is in Hindustan. In his desire for the elevation of the working-classes, and in his pleading for the advantages of association as a means of securing that elevation, we cordially concur; and so far as the wish to disseminate correct ideas on these points may have been a motive with the writer, we may congratulate him on a certain amount of success. As he himself warns the "devotees of light reading" from his pages,—we are relieved from that part of our duty: the thinker will occasionally find in them a train of thought or an incidental suggestion which will repay him for the time spent in their perusal.-It is sufficient to add, that 'The Dreamer and the Worker' originally appeared in Douglas Jer-rold's Magazine, and is now reprinted with additions

A Trip to Mexico; or, Recollections of a Ten-Months' Ramble in 1849-50. By a Barrister. Smith. Elder & Co.

This is a slight rather than a serious record of travels; and much of the ground of which it treats has been ably occupied before. The brilliant book of Madame Calderon de la Barca left to any one less brilliant small chance of finding new pictures in Mexico, -and with pictures the author deals mainly when he is not dealing with the "Barrister" himself. With politics, antiquities, or natural history he has no concern. Affairs of his own having taken him to Mexico, he undertakes only to narrate, for those whom it may interest, what befell-and what he saw in relation to-himself. manner is as free from pretence as the matter: -the style noticeable for its narrative ease. In a word, the reader who is not claimed by more important matters may journey pleasantly enough on with our "Barrister," running many knots an hour, and pausing now and then but for an instant to take a sketch or to gather a fact.

Among the passengers on board was a Quadroon lady:—a fact which we mention as preparatory to a short extract that we give from the log of our "Barrister" in Mobile Bay. It illustrates well his rapid, easy, off-hand manner,— giving within the compass of a few lines more than one trait of manners and a hurried glimpse at an "Institution."—

" A small steamer came alongside immediately, and the mails, passengers, and cargo for Mobile, New Orleans, &c., were transferred to her, the depth of water preventing large vessels from going up to the I expected to meet a large party of friends here to join us, and, along with two or three other passengers desirous of seeing the town, put myself on board the smaller steamer, and we proceeded up the bay. Mobile is distant nearly thirty miles from the anchorage; and, owing to the slowness of our wretched little steamer, we did not get there till three in the afternoon. The bay is very wide, and wooded on both sides, though in many places you cannot see across it. It is formed by the mouth of the Mobile river, which runs into the upper end, and which brings down immense quantities of timber, forming 'snags' and 'sawyers' all over it. We passed a great many ships of large tonnage, which could not get up to Mobile; to these the cotton is brought down in steamers, several of which, laden with this article, we met in our upward passage. The little steamer was high pressure, and very ricketty in point of boilers. I was glad to get out of her, and I think with reason. The engineer of our own ship gave me afterwards an amusing account of a trip he had had in a similar craft, the chief features of which were that they worked at a pressure of a hundred and thirty pounds to the square inch, and forgot, or did not care, to blow off their steam when the vessel stopped, which she did every ten minutes to repair the engine. The engineer, honest man, was

professionally much shocked, and told me he new felt so happy in his life, as when he once more get back on board his own ship. During our upward passage we met the California, bound for New Orleans, a hurricane-decked fast boat, and crowled with people. She stopped to take on board was passengers we had for that place, and as, perhapsome of my friends would like to see a Yankee captain on Sunday, and compare him with his brother of a Gravesend steamer, I will here sketch one is outline:—Imagine a respectable, sober-looking mandressed in a full suit of black, the waistcoat satia, in hair half way down his back, a round hat with much brim, and a pair of gold spectacles on his nose, and you have the captain of the California. Our Quadroon lady here left us, and, shame be it spoken, we not allowed to go into the cabin, but showed forward among the pigs and sheep, in company with other people of colour. Such is one of their 'Almighty Institutions.'"

At Vera Cruz, the author tells us,-

"Travelling in Europe, i. e. in the beaten tracks in Europe, gives you no notion of what to expect when you reach a country like Mexico. Here there are no inns, or next to none, save at the regular stopping-places of the diligences, and consequently it becomes almost a matter of necessity that hospitality should be practised on a liberal scale. For more own part, while in Mexico, go where I would, I invariably found the greatest kindness in this respect from both Englishmen and natives; and I am sure that any one who has a friend competent to give him a letter of introduction to a house in the first town he comes to, need afterwards never be obliged to take up his abode at an inn in any other, except from choice. At least, such was my case."

Our "Barrister" gives the following account of the manufacture of Pulque—the popular drink of the country. After leaving Xalapa— "we passed through the centre of a district in which the Maguey, or large American aloe, is attensively cultivated for the manufacture of Pulous. Pulque is the common drink of all Mexicans, answers to our beer, though more intoxicating. who once get accustomed to the smell and tate, like it much, and it is even said to become necessary to people, after they have used it for many your. When the Republic was first established, many old Spaniards threatened with expulsion, petitioned the National Assembly to allow them to remain in Mexico, the groundwork of the petition being, that they had been so long accustomed to drink Pulque (not procurable in Spain), that their lives would be endangered if they left it off. The manner of making this drink is as follows: When the aloe is just on the point of throwing up its huge stem from its coronet of leaves, deep amidst which its broad basis had been for some time forming, the farmer or gardener scoops out the whole pith, leaving the outer rind, and thus making, inside the circle of leaves, a bowl-like cavity about two feet deep and eighteen inches wide, according to the size of the plant. cavity is soon filled with the sap which should have gone to nourish the stalk, and as it flows is remove several times daily for some months, or as long a the tap yields. A portion of this juice (called home-water, aquamiel) is set apart to ferment and act as a sort of leaven or yeast for the rest. This is called madre-pulque, the mother of pulque, and when completely prepared (which it is in about a fortnight) a small portion is added to the skins or tubs conta ing the fresh aguamiel, and sets it fermenting in a day or so. A large plant is said to yield from ter to fifteen pints daily, and this for months. Others vary the process by putting a small quantity of ment into the cavity in the plant to mix with the sap & it flows in; and this seems to answer very well. This process of milking the aloe is, as might be erpected, a fatal one to the plant, but before it die it lways throws out shoots which keep up the steek The fermentation is usually conducted in skins, and as soon as this is over the pulque is fit for drinking To strangers both the taste and smell are horrible something of the style of rotten egs; but one some gets accustomed to the flavour. The fresh sap, at aguamiel, is often drunk unprepared, but it is too humble a tipple to be generally patronised. The

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We will not detain our readers in the city of Mexico, - which to them is beaten ground. Our "Barrister" fell on virgin ground in "a small, obscure, out-of-the-way town in the Republic," Tepic,—in which town he resided for six months. Tepic, a town of only 8,000 inhabitants, is about fifty miles from the sea and 3,000 feet above its level,-"situated on a plain, but in the vicinity of mountains."-

The streets are most of them tolerable: I lived in the best in the town, and it was kept reasonably clean. At one end of this street is the Plaza, containing the church, court-house or meeting-place of the ayuntamiento (corporation), and portales. Fine rows of trees surround this Plaza, and it has also an old fountain in the middle. Passing on beyond the church, the ground slopes away to the river, which is of tolerable size, and very useful, as I shall which is of tolerance size, and very userial, as I shall show hereafter. One of the principal streets leads directly from the Plaza to the Paseo, which is a mere common, without any distinct drive for carriages like that of Mexico or Guadalaxara. * * On the northwest side of the Paseo is one of those curious barmacas I have mentioned before; it is very deep but narrow and crossed by a bridge, and is so little apparent that, till within twenty yards of it, a stranger would not know that such a place existed. On the west side of the Pasco lies the Alameda, a pretty garden, but badly kept, and with the railings and gates sadly in want of repair. Beyond this, again, and just outside the town is a beautifully turfed down called the Liano (the generic name for all similar plains), the pleasantest drive in the neighbour-hood, and much used for horse-racing. * * On the eastern side of the town, and at a distance from it of a mile or mile and a half, lies an immense laguna or marshy lake, swarming with wild ducks and other aquatic birds. This laguna is thought to have once been the crater of a volcano, being entirely surrounded by hills, with only a very small opening among them at its western extremity. * * On the south and south-east extends the valley that I had traversed in coming from Guadalaxara, filled up at is extremity, by a singular-looking mountain, called San Guengey (or some such name), having an immense isolated rock in the centre of its concave top. Some four miles from the town, in this direction, is crossed by a fine bridge which in this direction, is crossed by a fine bridge which has lately been erected at a good deal of expense.

These are nearly all built of adobes, The houses in Tepic are nearly all built of adobes, a few only of brick, though these two materials are often mixed in the same building,—a method of making houses I cannot fancy at all a good one. These adobe built houses have one great advantage over their brick brethren, viz. that if you wish to build a new house on the same site as the old one, you need only knock down your old house, and man up all the adobes again with a liberal supply of water, till a good stiff mud is formed; this cut into squares and dried in the sun, again becomes new alobes. In the manufacture of these houses no mortar is used, the kindred mud from which the adobe is made being used to fill up interstices. The walls of such houses are generally amazingly thick, ioning a great loss of space in the interior."

There is some individuality, it will be owned, in the above features;—but who would care to live in Tepic,—especially when told that the climate is none of the best?-

"Nearly all the time I was there we were much amoyed by a nasty thick, damp fog, that, after sun-st, nearly every night, came rolling up from the tiera caliente, through the gap between St. Juan and his neighbour, and spreading itself out over the whole valley. This fog was often joined by another that came from the laguna; and, together, they made the evenings excessively damp and unpleasant. As the spring and summer advanced, however, this missione abated. Extreme cold is very rare in Tepic, nevertheless, whilst I was there we had five alphts of frost, with the thermometer as low as 30° Fabr., and which sufficed to kill the leaves of all the amas and other tropical trees in the neighbouring

gardens. * * In the rainy season, which commenced shortly after I left, the quantity of rain that falls, and in a short time, is prodigious. A curious proof of this is afforded by a practice which, I was told, is in common use in the town. When any accumulation of earth or other rubbish has taken place, as in the case of excavations for a new house, &c., the whole of the waste earth is placed in heaps in the centre of one of the streets, trusting to the first heavy shower for getting rid of it, by sweeping it into the river. * * The inhabitants seldom attain a great age, a man of sixty being looked upon as a wonder. During the rainy season it is very subject to low fever and ague, which they call calentura. I myself was never free from cold or sore throat during the whole of my stay. My friends, to be sure, used to attribut this to my going out with my gun in the blazing heat of the day; and this may have been the case, though I think not. But, at any rate, it was better to do this, and catch cold, than stay at home in a strange land, see nothing, and die of ennui. Mexicans have no idea of walking in the sun; and I believe half the population thought me mad when I started off in the morning, with my gun on my shoulder."

The women of Tepic have beautiful hair, which they tend and wash most duly. The market is rich in vegetables, and tolerably well supplied with fruit .-

"The anxiety to get a good place in the Plaza for the Sunday's market is generally so great, that men and women all take up a position over night, roll themselves in their serapes and rebosos, and sleep as soundly as if at home."

The shops are very tolerable .-

"The society is very indifferent, being made up of only two foreign and one or two native mercantile establishments, a few custom-house officials with their families, and shopkeepers resident in the town. From the small number of respectable people, all are upon an equality; and it is at first rather puzzling to an European to buy a pair of gloves of a man in the morning, at his shop in the portalos, and in the afternoon to find himself sitting next him at

There seems to have been no lack of amusement,-in the shape of a fair, a carnival, bullfights on most Sundays and feast-days, a theatre in which every one smoked, and races whereat the Mexicans gambled prodigiously. Then, odd figures are to be seen by restless Englishmen who are on the look-out.-

"I saw several times a few of the original Indians, who live in the mountains at some distance from Tepic. They only come once or twice a year to the haunts of civilized man, and for the sole purpose of buying salt, with which they cure their skins and provisions. They are a small, dark race of people, with most inexpressive countenance. They are fan-tastically dressed, having bits of different coloured worsted, ribbons and feathers stuck in their hats and on different parts of their attire. The men wear tight-fitting breeches of buckskin, dressed by themselves, and very beautifully too. From these, down the outside of the leg, hang an infinity of strings, each of which is an emblem that the wearer has a corresponding cow, bullock, or pig at home. Of course, the more strings a man has attached to his breeches, the richer he is. In the party there is always one who speaks a little Spanish, and who serves as interpreter for his companions; and a great deal of argument in their own language takes place before they can make up their minds as to what they will give for their salt. They carry bows and arrows, in the use of which they are very expert, and with which they kill all their game. We used to amuse ourselves by sticking a fowl up against a door in the Patio for them to shoot at, the best shot to receive the animal. The distance was about thirty yards, and the fowl was always hit with the first two or three shots. Their arrows are made of some very hard wood, which stuck into the door with such force that the point was obliged to be broken off before they could be extricated. A few touches with a knife made it all right and ready for use again. These aborigines are nearly extinct, the

enough of animal life within Tepic to terrify housekeepers brought up in the days when it was thought feminine to shriek at spiders and to faint away before the snake and the scorpion. Without the town, the sportsman may find a fair quantity of game; and our Rambler was lucky in hiring a "simple, honest fellow"—one Castillon—to course with him and to carry his bag. Here we may leave the 'Trip to Mexico,' which has been allowed fairly to recommend itself in the above fragments. The author asserts it to have been written from memorysince he did not go out on paper and print intent, and kept no journal during the ten months of his absence from England. There are rather more details than mere memory could be supposed to supply; but probably letters to friends at home have helped to eke out the materials.

Junius and his Works compared with the Cha-racter and Writings of Philip Dormer Stan-hope, Earl of Chesterfield. By William Cramp. Lewes, Baxter & Son.

Fac-simile Autograph Letters of Junius, Lord Chesterfield, and Mrs. C. Dayrolles. By W.

Cramp. Hope & Co. Junius and his Works,' if we mistake not, is substantially a republication—a revised and enlarged edition of a pamphlet published some five-and-twenty or thirty years since,—although there is no reference to the fact in the work itself. Our recollection is but vague; but we assume it to be correct, from a conviction that no two independent persons examining the question could have come to the same concluquestion could have come to the same conclusion. Be this as it may, Mr. Cramp knows little more of his subject than was known in that benighted age. He assumes the authenticity of the Miscellaneous Letters as if they were beyond question; and his argument—if it deserves to be so called—is carried on after the Good old fashion. The "possible," the "not impossible," the "probable," the "may have been," and other evidence of like historical character, figure throughout it in great force.

figure throughout it in great force. Now, for anything that we know to the contrary, nineteen-twentieths of the Miscellaneous Letters published in 1812 may have been written by Junius:—he may have written the other odd fifty or hundred which we have reason to believe were originally intended to have been included in that collection. We, indeed, hold it to be quite absurd to suppose that this celebrated writer came before the public perfect at his literary birth,—unequalled in spirit, in vigour, in intellectual energy, in sarcasm, in condensed power, in direct cleaving strength, with a mind full grown and fully developed, and a style so admirably adapted to its purpose that, though unexampled at the time, it became at once, and has ever since been considered, a model in its way. But all we know is this, that in 1772 two small volumes were published by the Printer of the Public Advertiser, containing, as avowed, a collection of the Letters of Junius, prepared under the direction of the writer; and no man has a right to add one single letter to that collection, or to fix the responbility of other letters on him, unless he assigns good reasons for so doing :—then the public can judge of the propriety of such affiliation. To select, as was done in 1812, just such letters from the Public Advertiser as satisfied the critical taste of one or two individuals, and fulfilled the requirements of "3 vols. 8vo.," will not do; and if Lewes had not been so immediately in the neighbourhood of Sleepy Hollow, Mr. Cramp would have known this,

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sion with Mr. Cramp about what he calls the evidence adduced in proof that Lord Chestersion with Mr. Cramp about what he calls the

field was the writer, would enforce on us a discourtesy which we desire to avoid. When, for example, he asserts, for some inferential purpose, that Junius said so and so,—our reply must be simply that Junius said no such thing. When he refers to eight different letters (p. 31) for facts and dates which tend to establish what he considers proof,—our answer must be, briefly, that not one of the eight letters is known to have been written by Junius. When he talks of extraordinary coincidences,—as that Chesterfield left London in 1767, and that during November and the greater part of December no letter appeared from Junius,-we must simply refer him to the two volumes, the first letter in which is dated January, 1769. When assertions are made after this random fashion, discussion would be quite idle; and in proof how utterly Mr. Cramp's data and arguments are beside the question, we may observe that there is not, we think, one single fact adduced from any one single letter avowedly from the pen of Junius in the first fifty pages of his hundredpaged pamphlet.

Putting aside then, and at once, all that Mr. Cramp adduces in proof of his hypothesis, let us, for amusement's sake, look at the question in the abstract. The first inquiry that suggests itself is, as to the physical power of Chesterfield; and here Mr. Cramp argues with great libera-lity,—for he admits that "if it were true that Lord Chesterfield's 'age' or 'infirmity' at the time that the letters were written was such as to present to all appearance a physical impossibility, then any motives brought forward, however strong they might be, would fail to convince." To this we agree. That moral inferences cannot stand against physical impossibilities is, we think, a good proposition for any writer to lean on.—The physical possibilities of Ches-terfield might, the reader will suppose, be inferred from the single fact, that he was in the 75th year of his age when the first Junius letter appeared! He had long retired from public life,—was, according to his own report and the report and belief of his friends, suffering from great bodily infirmities,—had two years before been struck with paralysis and lost the use of his lower limbs,—was deaf, and for months to-gether so blind that he could neither read nor write. At the very time, indeed, when Junius's first letter appeared Chesterfield expressed his regret to Mrs. Stanhope and to others that he was obliged to use another hand to acknowledge the receipt of their letters. Subsequently he rallied; and then wrote to the Bishop of Water-

"I am prodigiously old, and every month of the calendar adds at least a year to my age. My hand trembles to that degree that I can hardly hold my pen. My understanding stutters and my memory fumbles."

We are told, indeed, that some of his letters were so feebly written as to require another hand to be passed over the trembling outline.

Well, what the reader would think of Lord Chesterfield's physical possibilities after this, it were not difficult to conjecture: — but Mr. Cramp has a specific of his own. That Chesterfield was 75 years of age, is a fact; he may have been ill; he certainly had lost the use of his limbs, was deaf, his eyesight doubtful: — but the extreme debility was assumed!—his letters to Mrs. Stanhope, and to his dearest friends, public and private, were all a masking costume, assumed for the nonce! Had he been so feeble as to require another hand to retrace the outline of his writing, it would have been "less trouble if his Lordship's secretary had made a fair copy of the letter;" therefore, the story proves too much,—"the stratagem was carried too far." In a

letter which Chesterfield wrote to Sir John Irwine, after touching slightly on the factious and seditious spirit of the times, he breaks off with...

"But enough of politics, which from long disuse, and seeing them at present only remotely and through a mist, I must necessarily talk absurdly about."
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Why, this turns out to be "a masterpiece of dissimulation!" Now, we are ourselves disposed to agree with Mr. Cramp, that "if" Lord Chesterfield wrote the Letters of Junius there must have been a good deal of dissimulation:—and then we go farther. If this sort of dissimulation be admitted, we think it better, more decided and decisive, to assume at once that it was all dissimulation; that Chesterfield was not seventy-five, but forty-five or thirty-five; that he blinded himself, cracked the tympanum of both ears, paralyzed himself, and died purely and purposely to conceal the fact. The only difficulty with us is, to comprehend why he committed so many of these outrages on himself so long before the letters were written!

But until these "dissimulations" shall be universally admitted, the public will persevere in considering Chesterfield as an extremely weak, suffering, worn-out man of seventy-five,—and ask what were the circumstances that could have so roused the indignation of one tottering on the brink of the grave into which he stumbled "the very month," as Mr. Cramp says, "in which Junius so mysteriously disappeared"? How was this living corpse galvanized into new life and the "laborious zeal" of Junius? Mr. Cramp says, "his feelings as a parent had been deeply wounded." This, he admits, is not easily to be inferred from known facts; indeed, it "requires some attention" to trace it out:—and, we must add, some attention to comprehend it when found,—for it happens that his son died a few days before the publication of Junius's first letter! But let us attend to Mr. Cramp

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In 1766,—the reader will please to note the date,-Lord Chatham was asked, and he promised, to secure a seat in the next parliament for Mr. Stanhope; and forthwith-or rather, to speak by the card, within four months, says Mr. Cramp—and therefore before Chatham could have fulfilled his promise, and in gratitude, as we must suppose, for that promise-Chesterfield-Junius, under the name of "Poplicola, opened a brutal and virulent attack on Chatham; and he continued these attacks, as we understand (p. 66), so long as Chesterfield had a hope that Chatham would keep his promise. Then he transferred his resentment to the Duke of Grafton, who had never heard of the promise which is said to have been the galvanizing stimulant. These motives help, we are told, to solve the mystery as to who was the writer. But if we put trust in Mr. Cramp, there could have been no mystery at all. For Junius, we are told, "alludes in such distinct terms to the circumstances," "using, probably, the exact words [the italics are Mr. Cramp's] employed by his Grace when he answered Lord Chesterfield," that the Duke and his secretary, Mr. Bradshaw, could have had no doubt as to who was the writer:and why therefore they should have set the whole machinery of Government in action to find him out, puzzles our poor philosophy.

But there were other motives,—and other persons were attacked; and Mr. Cramp tells

"We have the authority of Lord Chesterfield to prove that against these also he had cause to be offended. For...he had been annoyed by the ministry sending a person to fill Mr. Stanhope's place during his temporary absence from Dresden."

This is another case in which it "requires some attention" to trace out the motives:—for to most people the transaction appears very simple, and they would infer from his own letters

that Lord Chesterfield was extremely well pleased not only with the civility and attentions, but with the intentions, of the Government. What are the facts?

Mr. Stanhope, "who was suffering from severe illness," requested Lord Chesterfield to ask permission for him to leave Dresden for a time. The result we learn from Lord Chesterfield's reply.—

"The day after I received your letter of the 21st past, I wrote to Lord Weymouth, and I send you his answer enclosed, from which (though I have not heard from him since), I take it for granted, and so may you, that his silence signifies his Majesty's consent to your request."

Mr. Keith was now sent to Dresden to do duty in Mr. Stanhope's absence,—not to supersede him:—for Lord Chesterfield thus writes to his son.—

"I forgot to tell you in my last, that I was mot positively assured that the instant you return to Dresden, Keith should decamp. I am permuded they will keep their word with me, as there is no reason in the world why they should not."

Mr. Cramp discovers proof in these facts, and from "the tone" of these letters, that neither Lord Chesterfield nor Mr. Stanhope were treated with much courtesy by the party then in power,—and that Mr. Keith remained at Dresden much to the annoyance of Mr. Stanhope. Now, the tone of the letters we leave to be decided on by the ear of the reader; but respecting the annoyance of Mr. Stanhope, the facts are these. Mr. Stanhope, on account of his extreme ill health,—indeed he was dying,—applied in March, we believe, for permission to leave Dresden, which was immediately granted, and he died in November!

The death of Mr. Stanhope is a third coinci-dence in the life of Chesterfield which agrees with an assumed suspension of the labours of Junius; and Mr. Cramp considers it so extraordinary that he concludes the announcement with three notes of admiration. Let us, then, look into it a little narrowly. First, we would observe, that all three coincidences are proved, if proved at all, by the Miscellaneous Letters, and not by the Letters of Junius. Next, however natural a total silence, and for ever, might have been in any man who in extreme old age had lost an only son, it does happen that if Chesterfield were Junius he was not silenced:—indeed, the old man was reinvigorated by the loss. For, Mr. Stanhope died on the 16th of November; and Mr. Cramp admits that there was the "encomiastic letter published on the 15th of December,-and we must add, the first letter by Junius, which was published on the 21st of November. So that, the proof of coincidence and silence is this:-a letter published in November,—another in De-cember,—followed by the Junius of January, and by the whole two volumes of Junius's Letters in rapid succession, continued for three years!

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So much for the main argument. The incidental illustrations are after the like fashion. The 'Letter to a Brigadier General' is put in the foremost rank. Lord Townshend and Lord George Sackville are the parties therein attacked,—and the grounds of the attack are this explained.—Lord Chesterfield had obtained a promise that his son should be appointed to invest Prince Ferdinand with the Order of the Garter, conferred on him for his success at Minden. This promise was not kept,—but Mr. Cramp says, whether frustrated by "some intrigue of parties," or by "the obduracy of the King," or "whether Lord Townshend or Lord George Sackville were the persons" who "by indirect means" thwarted the views of Lord Chesterfield, remains a secret. Now, considering how many persons and parties, according to Mr. Cramp's own statement, may have influenced the decision,—and above all, that the

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a somewhat bold venture to fix the wrong on Townshend and Sackville, and thus explain a virulent attack on them in an anonymous pamplet:—to say nothing of the other necessary assumptions,—viz., that Chesterfield was Junius, and that Junius wrote the 'Letter to a Brigadier General,' published in the reign of George the Second, some ten years before Junius was heard of !

But Mr. Cramp supports these conjectures by evidence. In 1766, Chesterfield thus wrote to the Bishop of Waterford:—

"You have a new Lord-Lieutenant [Townshend]! I have seen him once, and he seems resolved to do well. One thing, I verily believe, that he will have add. One thing, I vertal occure, that he will have an dirty work done, nor the least corruption suffered." A "guarded encomium," says Mr. Cramp,—and he adduces it to prove or to strengthen his case!
—Further, Junius, in 1767,—Mr. Cramp should have said, "A Faithful Monitor"-states that "he had served under Lord Townshend."-"he had served under Lord Townshend."—
Well, knowing generally the outline facts of Chesterfield's life, the reader may be as curious as we were to see how this could be proved against Chesterfield.—Why, says Mr. Cramp, Chesterfield "raised a regiment during the Rebellion in 1745"!—Further, "at that time, Lord Townshend held an important command it the serve"! Indeed! Why Townshend was in the army"! Indeed! Why, Townshend was only born in 1724, and was not probably of age when Chesterfield raised his regiment.-Then, when thesernest raises in stephnest.—Then, hink of Lord George Sackville in 1769 in-triguing about anything except how to save his honour or his life. That he was allowed to return after the Battle of Minden is true,—but he was forbidden to appear at court. The Minister refused even to see him. He was Manuser refused even to see him. He was removed from his regiment, resigned all offices, and was tried by court-martial. And this was the person who was at this moment intriguing about who should invest Prince Ferdinand with the Order of the Garter!

Mr. Cramp thus concludes :-

"The remaining facts in favour of the supposition that Lord Chesterfield was discovered to be the author of the letters of Junius consist chiefly in the suppression of every circumstance connected with the last few years of his Lordship's life. * * Although we have Memoirs and Correspondence in abundance, written by the contemporaries of Lord Chesterfield, yet we search in vain for an impartial review of his character, or any the slightest record of the manner in which he occupied his time while the letters of Junius were written. Even Lord Chesterfield's dath is passed over by the courtly writers of that day without one encomium on his merit. * * An ominous silence seems to have been preserved by Walpole Chatham, Burke and even the Grenville family. * * The 'Court Guide' itself, either accidentally or by design, falsified the date of his Lord-ship's death."

All these facts, if true, would be merely proof b us that this deaf, blind, paralyzed, old man had so long and so absolutely retired from before the public eye, that he had slipped out of memory:—but to Mr. Cramp there is sometime more before the public by the same that the same transit is some thing marvellous in that, -an attempt " to suptess the memory of so great a man, and to ave posterity only THE SHADOW OF A MIGHTY " He is "unable to account for it upon my other grounds than that the King and his Ministers would have it so." So that, "the king and his Ministers" must have exercised an absolute control over Walpole, Chatham, Barke, the whole Grenville family, the compilers of the 'Court Guide,' all memoir writers and all letter writers; to all whom-or they might have stumbled into anecdote, or hint, or mggestion-the fact must have been known which Mr. Cramp has re-discovered and revealed to the whole world!

truth "remains a secret,"—it does appear to us by a commentary,—being further of opinion that the somewhat bold venture to fix the wrong on the first essay would be the last. Mr. Cramp, however, has now issued 'A Postscript,' together with ever, has now issued 'A Postscript,' together with some "fac-simile autographs,"—and hopes to influence public judgment by calling "Mr. Frederick Netherclift, of King William Street, Strand, an artist whose skill in his profession is unrivalled," to bear witness that they are in the same handwriting as what are called the Junius MSS, in the progression of Mr. Woodfall, Now. MSS., in the possession of Mr. Woodfall. Now, we could allow gentlemen amateurs to hazard any opinions they please, and, but for Mr. Netherclift's appearance, should have put Mr. Cramp's fac-similes amongst the dozen other fac-similes which have been published in proof that some dozen different persons were the writers of the Letters. But Mr. Netherclift is a gentleman professionally dealing in questions relating to handwriting,—often, we believe, called on to give evidence on such points in our courts of law;—he is, therefore, entitled to respectful attention. But, just in proportion to the weight that his character would give to his opinion, must be the damage that his character will suffer if his opinion shall appear to have been hazarded without consideration; and if Mr. Cramp has published as authority some idle words of mere civility, Mr. Netherclift will now have an opportunity to qualify and explain.

When "the first essay" was published, Mr. Cramp declared his opinion to be, that "the autographs preserved by Woodfall are in the handwriting of Junius," but "evidently greatly disguised"—"the initial 'C.'" however is "precisely that of Lord Chesterfield": although it was "not be informed that the to be inferred that the writer received no assistance"-for he himself avows that he did, and no doubt Mr. Dayrolles was the assistant. Since then—that is, since Mr. Cramp pronounced judg-ment,—he has examined the autographs; and now finds, notwithstanding the initial "C." and its being "precisely that of Lord Chesterfield" (this marked in Italies to make it emphatic), that the Junius MSS. "are not in the handwriting of Lord Chesterfield." They are, therefore, not in "the handwriting of Junius"; and on comparing them with some letters by Mr. Dayrolles, "not the slightest resemblance could be traced,"—it was "not possible" that he could have so disguised his handwriting. Fortunately, after "laborious research," two letters were discovered in the handwriting of Mrs. Dayrolles, and "they bore unequivocal marks of identity." Mr. Cramp here does himself injustice. There was no fortune—that is, nothing of accident—in the discovery. We were quite certain from our experience and observation, that a gentleman of Mr. Cramp's temperament would find some "unequivocal marks" before he concluded his labours :- but the startling fact is, that "the striking resemblance was at once recognized" by Mr. Netherclift.

Now, in our opinion-whatever that may be worth-it would be difficult to find the handwriting of two educated persons of that age less alike than that of Junius and that of Mrs. Day-rolles, as presented in the fac-similes here submitted for examination. We do not concern ourselves, with Mr. Cramp, about the formation of k's and j's or b's and t's, or with the letters separately. All children in a particular age are taught writing on essentially the same principle; and though, when they become practised and skilful, each man forms for himself, unconsciously perhaps, a distinctive character-yet it would be strange indeed if, out of the twenty-six letters, some general, or some particular, resemblance could not be traced between one or two or halfa-dozen of them. But generally there will be found clear and distinct individualities-ele-This was Mr. Cramp's "first essay"; and we do not think it worth while to weary our readers ments, if they may be so called,—and such there

are in the handwriting of Junius, not one of which is to be found in the writing of Mrs. Dayrolles.

This is not an opinion formed at the moment, and open, therefore, to the charge of being a prejudice against Mr. Cramp's theory. We have examined the Junius MSS, more than once,-and had noted down certain peculiarities. We therefore now turned to the notes made on those occasions :—and in no one instance did Mrs. Dayrolles' handwriting answer to the requirements. It is very difficult to prove what we desire by reference to a fac-simile of only eighteen lines,—yet even these eighteen lines offer evidence which Mr. Netherclift cannot

altogether disregard.

First, we had noticed that Junius frequently used the Greek s, or something like it, instead of the small English e,—and almost invariably when two e's came together. On turning to the fac-simile, we found both seen and see as our notes led us to expect. We found this peculiar sime or letter coursing poles they characterize the set of the second seed to the seed of the second seed to the seed of sign or letter occurring no less than eleven times in the eighteen lines: but not once-no, nor is there an approach to such a form-in Mrs. Dayrolles' letter. Another peculiarity which our notes led us to look for, was, a tendency to run words together: - and on turning to Mr. Cramp's fac-simile, we find in thirteen lines no less than thirty-five words so linked-often three and four together,—as "goodreasonfornot"—
"stateofthings"—" meantthe causeandthepeople." Even on the address, "Paternosterrow is written as one word:-and when the words are not actually joined, the tendency to join them is manifest in the termination. Now, on reference to Mrs. Dayrolles, the very opposite tendency is equally manifest,—almost to a characteristic peculiarity. She generally ends the word by giving a backward turn to the last stroke, so that it would be impossible to unite it to the next word.—Further, we had observed that Junius almost invariably uses the short sign "&" for "and": -and on referring to Mr. Cramp's fac-simile we found six examples, and no one instance to the contrary,—whereas in Mrs. Day-rolles' letter there is not a single example. Of course, it would be no proof-have no tendency to prove-that any one in whose handwriting like examples were found was either Junius or the amanuensis of Junius; but we hold at least, that the absence of any single instance is conclusive against pretensions founded on similarity of handwriting.

We have thus summarily noticed the claims of Lord Chesterfield and Mrs. Dayrolles: and should have here concluded, but that Mr. Cramp refers incidentally to the Stowe MSS., which, as we lately announced, have been purchased by Mr. Murray, and are about to be published. How many confident assertions hazarded, names, dates, and circumstances assigned, will thus be brought to the test! Mr. Cramp takes the Walpole version, and uses it for his own purposes. But we have many other versions of which Mr. Cramp does not appear to be aware,—one confidently put forward in 1828, was, if we remember rightly, re-produced by Mr. Barker. Eventually Mr. Barker, or some of his correspondents, had a version of his, or their, own: - and the Literary Gazette had its own peculiar sources of information. The generally received opinion was, that a parcel had been found at Stowe containing three letters :- one from Junius, under his fictitious signature,-another to George Grenville, asking for legal advice as to the risk of publishing the 'Letter to the King,' with the real name,—and a third inclosing Junius's 'Letter to Lord Mansfield,' with the author's initials. Now, notwithstanding the circumstantial details of this statement, we believe that the only word of truth in it is, that there are three letters at Stowe which are believed to have been

written by Junius; but all written, not only before the 'Letter to Mansfield,' before the 'Letter to the King,' but before Junius—as Junius—had put pen to paper; and that the authority for believing that Junius was the writer rests solely on the initial "C." being affixed to them, and on the handwriting. We have not seen these letters; but have heard the contents of them, on authority which we believe to be good. We said long since that the refusal to allow them to be published was creating a purposeless mystification,-and we doubt not publication will justify this opinion. They contain not a word that reflects discredit on Mr. Grenville, for whom great admiration is expressed -nor on any other person, -and they remove the writer from all suspicion of interested motives. They tend to show, assuming that they were written by Junius, what we have always asserted, -that he was a middle-class man, an old news paper correspondent: — and we found "C.," figuring in the Public Advertiser as early as 1766 [see Athen. No. 1166]. He lays claim to certain published letters,—hints that he may hereafter become known to Mr. Grenville,—and entreats Mr. Grenville neither to allow the handwriting to be seen nor to mention that he had received such letters. Mr. Grenville, however, did mention it,-the fact was known to contemporaries:-but that the writer was the same person who subsequently figured as Junius could not have been known unless he afterwards communicated the secret to Mr. Grenville. It is a curious fact, however, that at the time, or shortly after, they were referred to as letters by Junius.

The Archæology and Prehistoric Annals of Scotland. By Daniel Wilson, Hon. Sec. of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Edinburgh, Sutherland & Knox.

THERE is no point more strongly urged in this comprehensive, learned and well-written volume than the propriety of forming some national collection of the antiquities of the British empire belonging to a period to which no history, and even no tradition, extends. It is a subject to which we have ourselves more than once adverted,—calling attention to the fact that in Denmark, which possesses comparatively few resources and small revenues, a royal commission has long been formed at the public charge for the purpose, in the first place, of collecting, and next of preserving and exhibiting in due series, all the discoveries relating to the earliest periods of Scandinavian existence. We have had, too, our royal commissions in this country; but they have not only wofully failed in satisfying public expectation,—their reports have sometimes actually tended to retard, instead of advancing, the attainment of objects contemplated by their labours. A recently proposed inquiry into the best mode of rendering the British Museum more available for the promotion of literature, science and the arts degenerated into a question regarding a catalogue of printed books; and the result was, the recommendation of a course that is most detrimental to literature and literary men, by shutting up to a great extent, and for an indefinite period, the sources of information which the country possesses.

Such was the issue of an unpaid commission; and we shall have to lament its effects, we fear, for many years to come. But some of our paid commissions have done even worse: for while they have produced a great deal of injury, the harm done has been accomplished at a large outlay of public money. The least evil to be looked for from such appointments is, that they should resolve themselves into jobs; and happy, in most cases, would it be if for the

salaries paid to commissioners, secretaries, clerks and messengers they had been required to do nothing. Only a few years ago, a body of this kind was selected: the expense was enormous,—and the result was, the production of a number of imperfect and ill-digested volumes, and the commencement of costly undertakings that never have been and never will be completed.

In Denmark, on the contrary, according to indisputable testimony, the result has been most beneficial. Highly qualified, enthusiastic and perfectly conscientious men have been found to execute the duties of the commission. We may mention the names of Thomsen and Worsaae, because they are known to all the antiquaries of Europe; and their colleagues have been equally zealous, indefatigable and successful. The scheme seems to have commenced with Dr. Thomsen; and Mr. Wilson, in his introductory chapter to the volume before us, thus speaks of the origin and formation of the body of which Dr. Thomsen is the head.—

"One man has within the last thirty years accomplished, not for Denmark only, but for Europe, what the whole united labours of earlier archæologists failed to do. About the year 1815, the present Danish Councillor of State, C. J. Thomsen, the son of a merchant of Copenhagen, was appointed Secretary of a Royal Commission for the preservation and collection of national antiquities. It had then been in existence some seven or eight years, and the whole result of its labours was a few miscellaneous articles, unclassified and uncared for, lying in a small room of the University Library. His enthusmall room of the University Library. His enthusiasm in the study of the antiquities of his country surmounted all obstacles. He had to contend alike with the theories of the scholar and the prejudices of the unlearned. But he had succeeded to a position of the utmost value to a man of energy and enthusiasm. From the first he had grants (though exceedingly small ones) of public money at his disposal. He soon enlisted the more important element of public sympathy, and nationality of feeling, in his pursuits. His little room became too small for accumulating purchases and donations. A suite of apartments was yielded, at his intercession, in the Royal Palace of Christiansborg; and as the varied collection increased in his hands, he found himself possessed at once of the space and the elements for systematic classification.

What has been the consequence? That the Museum of Northern Antiquities at Copenhagen now contains nearly 4,000 specimens of stone weapons and implements, of swords formed of bronze and iron, of celts, of spear and arrow heads, of knives, armillæ, torques, &c.,-all arranged systematically, and therefore instructively, according to the ages to which they belong. Mr. Wilson informs us-and we believe truly-that for the now universally adopted classification into the stone, bronze and iron periods we are indebted to Dr. Thomsen and the Danish antiquaries. At a comparatively trifling charge, they have travelled over Den-mark, Sweden and Norway in search of materials for their Museum; and it is not long since Mr. Worsaae visited England, Ireland and Scotland for the same purpose. What he carried away from hence we know not; but we believe that there are not a few objects in the Danish Museum that never should have been allowed to quit our shores, and that never would have quitted them had we possessed any corresponding national depository, and a moderate reverence for national antiquities .- It is a scandal to this country in the eyes of Europe that we thus allow comparatively poor and insignificant States to step before us and take the lead in such laudable undertakings.

We have amongst us abundance of materials; but because we have no general receptacle for them, they are scattered over the country in local museums or in private collections. We

have not honesty or intelligence enough to spend the public money properly for such a purpose even if it were granted:—and this we really believe to be one main reason why such a grant has never been proposed. The author before us, in an excellent passage just preceding that which we have quoted, speaks of the difficulty that would be found in prevailing on the culty that would be found in prevailing on the culty that would be found in prevailing on the culty that would be found in prevailing on the culty that would be found in prevailing on the culty that would be found in prevailing on the culty that would be compared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management relic if it appeared to be of native management

The remedy is easy, if we would but apply it. Books like that in our hands furnish abundant and authentic information; and the country would supply funds, we believe, were confidence once established that the money would be properly applied. Every year thesands are expended on importations of foreign books, to the neglect of the productions of on native authors,—especially those of an early period; and at this moment of writing, hundreds and hundreds of pounds are in course of being worse than wasted in disfiguring the walk and ceilings of the British Museum with gaudy colours, that will injure the whole effect of the works of sculpture arranged in the apartment, or withdraw public attention from them. Can there, we ask, be a much more important object in connexion with such an institution, than that it should contain an assemblage of British antiquities, properly classified in periods, and a illustrated by inscriptions that all who beholt them should imbibe history from the perual of these its visible monuments? Yet, though our own, as well as foreign antiquaries have repeatedly urged the formation of a department for this purpose, not a shelf or a drawer has ye been set apart for it. We do not go as far, nor half as far, as Mr. Worsaae in his recommendation,founded, perhaps, on the experience of Danish liberality,-that twenty rooms should be de-voted to the reception and arrangement of objects of the kind; but we do feel that some thing ought to be attempted, - and that if England really be so poor that she cannot afford a sufficient sum to begin the good won on a large scale, it should be commenced on a small one. Let care be taken that the money shall be properly expended; and seeing what has been recently effected at Richborough and Lymne with a trifling sum, by a few zealous and honest antiquaries,-let m set about doing something for the collection, preservation and classification of our national prehistoric remains.

We have remarked that Mr. Wilson's very able, complete, and well illustrated work afforms nearly all the knowledge that is requisite for such a purpose; not merely as far as Scotland is concerned, but as regards England and Ireland, and even Sweden and Norway. The details in the body of the volume are full, while the treatment of them is comprehensive; and the preface and introduction are written in an enlarged and enlightened spirit. The realm may form some judgment as to the design of the author, and as to his mode of carrying a out, by the following extract from his preface.

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traces of older but inferior orders of being, can disem only the objects of an aimless curiosity in relies pertaining to the human species. That such, however, should still be the case, is far more the fault of the antiquary than of the student of other sciences. It is his misfortune that his most recondite pursuits It is his misiortane that his most recondite pursuits are peculiarly exposed to the laborious idling of the are pecuniary exposed to the more dabblers in science, so that they alternately assume to the uninterested observer the aspect of fivolous pastime and of solemn trifling. I cannot but think that a direct union with the associated sciences, and an incorporation especially with the kindred researches of the ethnologist, while it might, perchance, give some of its present admirers a distaste for the severer and more restricted study, would largely contribute to its real advancement, and free its truly zealous students from many popular trammels which at present cumber its progress. Meanwhile, the archæologist may derive some hope from the remembrance that astronomy was once astrology, that chemistry was long mere alchemy; that geology has only in our own day ceased to be a branch of unnational and the desired to be a branch of un-reasoning antiquarianism; and that ethnology has sarrely yet passed the jealously guarded porch, as the youngest of all the recognized band of sister

The result of Mr. Wilson's labours is, a volume in which the subject is systematically treated under the great divisions of stone, bronze, and iron; but there are, of course, numerous subdivisions, which enable him to arrange all his varied materials in a clear and satisfactory manner. The very circumstance that his method is so lucid renders distinct the recollection of the points which he has established; and as we go through his book we look back with more than usual pleasure to the different facts connected with the aboriginal inhabitancy and customs of our islands that we have stored in our memory. We may sometimes wish that the author had been more sparing of hard and scientific terms, for the ske of the general reader. It is to be borne in mind however, that it is not to the general reader only that he addresses himself; but that men of science and acquirements will derive great profit from his labours. It is not always easy -nor desirable-to treat a subject popularly; and it is often better to induce the comparatively ignorant to inform themselves, in order they gnorant to inform themselves, in order that they may be qualified to enjoy a good look, than to compel the learned, for the ake of something which they may wish to investigate, to wade through matter unworthy their attention. We are aware of no point connected with the inquiry that is not here discused and treated in a proper manner, and in its proper place. — The addition of a welldigested index makes reference easy.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

The Siege of Damascus; a Historical Romance, by James Nisbet. 3 vols.—Why did not Mr. Nisbet some call this a controversial adaptation of the story of 'Jonas and Eudocia,' to be found in Ockley's 'History of the Saracens'? Those who like to find story in a story-book, and who would confine polemical disquisitions to the polemical treatise, would in that case have known what to expect,—and have kept away from a 'Siege' so agely mixed up with sermons as the present. We belong to this old-fashioned class,—as able, it may be hoped, to do battle for our own creeds, whether unworn or worn-out, as the most foolish of wis most included. of wise men going, -as infallible (for aught the wrid knows) in our own eyes as Mr. Atkinson's self: still we hold, with Solomon, that there is a fine for everything, —and with Dr. Caius, that it is a shame to invite people abroad to marry Anne Pages when they are to find at the altar only so many lubberly post-boys! Mr. Nisbet as a ro-nancer makes it difficult for us to care about his Junes; since the latter, however often cruelly red, is sure to come to life again, and after laving been set forth as the most base, ambitious and vindictive of mortals, winds up his career

with a display of forgiveness as wondrous and sudden in its self-denial as if Richard Edney (whom our readers can hardly have forgotten) had exhibited it.—But, as if these difficulties were not enough, Mr. Nisbet perpetually interrupts the course of our somewhat reluctant sympathy and credence with apostrophe and digression .the infancy of society," says he, "war is the natural employment of man,"—and off he goes for some half-dozen pages à la Pinnock on this text. We subsequently meet similar episodes concerning bigotry, the desire to read the future, and other large subjects of the kind. Are we coming to days when no tale will be held as complete unless it begins before the Flood and ends with the final consummation of things ?-We cannot encounter such an entire confusion of places of amusement with places of disquisition-without protesting once more against its folly in point of art, and its want

The Story of a Family. By S. M.—This is the story of an odd man, who makes an odd will, in obedience to which it happens that a very beautiful and graceful girl is educated as heiress to a magnificent property. Dispossessed when she reaches the age of eighteen,—she issues finally out of her vicissitudes bright, pure, virtuous and happy. She has as many uncles, aunts and cousins as that heroine of one of Mrs. Trollope's novels (we forget which) who gained her fortune in consequence of her dressing up like an old gentleman's dead son :and in the palmy days of her prosperity is naturally an object of very great interest to her kith and kin. Among these cousins she finds her fate, but in what manner we will not tell. The story is written pleasantly rather than powerfully, and contains little to alarm and less to offend the sensibilities of any reader, though it is not without a certain interest.

Recollections of a Rifleman's Wife, at Home and Abroad. By Mrs. Fitzmaurice.—These Recollections are now twenty-five years old:—the intervening space being in its fulness of change almost equivalent to any century of the older, slower times. With the exception of a few notices of Sardinia, and a chapter devoted to Graham's Island, Mrs. Fitzmaurice saw nothing but what may be now seen by any summer tourist of moderate ambition :- therefore, though her narrative is pleasantly told, it must not look for currency beyond the circle of its writer's friends.

The Pictorial Shakspere. Edited by Charles Knight. Vol. I. Comedies. National Edition.— The Pictorial Edition of Shakspere being out of print, and a demand for it continuing,-Mr. Knight has commenced a new and more popular edition based thereon. The first volume of the new issue is before us. It appears to be not less handsome, while it is very considerably cheaper, than its predecessor. The letter-press is not divided into columns, as formerly; the printing is good; the type large and bold; and the text enriched by the same copious illustrations which won a peculiar reputation for the 'Pictorial Shakspere.'
The more important of the critical and historical notes have been gathered into a separate volume; so that the poet's text is free from every encumbrance except the few brief explanatory foot-notes desired by every reader of an old author. Altogether, this promises to be the best popular edition of Shakspeare that we yet possess. It will leave little more to be done in its own way.

Origin, History, Progress and Prospects of the Great Industrial Exhibition, 1851. By Peter Berlyn .- A well compiled little volume :- a useful record of the history and progressive development of the marking incident of our age and nation. Mr. Berlyn was, we believe, officially employed by the Executive in the earlier stages of their labours; his statements, therefore, are on good authority, and may be relied on. The narrative is plausibly written, and sufficiently full in its details for the general public now and hereafter.

Outlines of Physical Geography. By E. Hughes, with Eight Maps compiled by W. Hughes.—The old system of leading the memories of children

old system of loading the memories of children with names and barren facts, under the idea of teaching geography, is fast going out of fashion; and we think the volume before us will help

teachers to substitute something better. writer has evidently well considered his subject, as to not only what should be taught, but how best to teach it.

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EXPEDITION TO CENTRAL AFRICA.

LETTERS from Dr. Barth and Dr. Overweg have been received by his Excellency Chevalier Bunsen, by which we learn that up to October last the travellers were still detained in the kingdom of Air. My last communication [see Athenœum, No. 1208, p. 1344] gave an account of the difficulties and dangers which they had met with on entering that country; the inhabitants of which had shown themselves hostile to them, so that their fate seemed entirely to depend on the protection of the Prince En-Nur, sultan of the Kelves.

This hoped-for protection they have been fortunate enough to secure; though it appears not to have been sufficient to insure their safety beyond Tin-Tellus, the residence of the Prince,—in con-sequence of which they have been obliged to forego the exploration of the country and to remain with the Prince. They have, however, been enabled, while thus stationary, to collect a good deal of oral information,—especially respecting the tract of country to the west and southwest of Ghat; which, instead of being a monotonous desert, proves to be intersected by many fertile wadys with plenty of water. Among these novel features, not the least interesting is a lake, between Ghat and Tuat, infested with crocodiles.

At the date of Dr. Barth's letter (2nd of October) the travellers were on the point of setting out on an excursion to Aghades, the capital of Air; the new sultan having promised them his protection, and the valiant son-in-law of En-Nūraccompanying

them on their journey.

The latitude of Tin-Tellus has been found to be 18° 34′ N.; the longitude had not been finally determined. The rainy season lasts till September, and thunderstorms occur daily in the afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock, accompanied by a west wind, while at other times it blows from the ea It seems yet uncertain when the Expedition will be able to start for Lake Tchad.

AUGUSTUS PETERMANN.

BRITISH MUSEUM.

A Return to the House of Commons, issued to the Members last week, supplies some facts for gossip connected with the British Museum. The Return in question gives an account of the Income and Expenditure of the Museum for 1850, an estimate of its expenses from this present month to March 1852, and brief statements from the several Keepers of what has been doing

and what have been received in their several departments during the past year. The Keeper of the Books has spent 4,526l. 16s. 1d. on fresh acquisitions, 3,245l. 5s. 4d. on binding; requires 3,000l. for further purchases to March next, and 3,500l. for binding for the same period. As the binding estimate is above the purchase estimate, we may infer that the Librarian is willing to grapple rather with what he has got than with what he wants, and that he is setting his library in order for a printed catalogue after all. The Keeper of the MSS. has spent 2,219t. 14s. of the people's money on fresh acquisitions, 1,131l. 10s. 8d. on binding requires 2,000l. for further purchases, and 800l. for new coverings to his books. The Keeper of the Antiquities has spent 2,565l. 0s. 9d., and wants 2,000l. The Keeper of the Prints has spent in purchases 1,329l. 18s. 9d., and wants 1,500l. Zoology has purchased to the amount of 941l. 19s., and asks for 1,000l. Botany, more modest than Zoology, has laid out 58l. 14s. 6d. on specimens, and asks for 150l. Minerals and Fossils has spent 8031., and requires 1,2001. Such has been the expenditure in purchases,-and such are the estimates for further acquisitions. We now come to what the several departments have been about. The number of readers—or rather of visits made by readers—has been, we are told in one place, 78,234,—in another part of the same return, 78,533:
—or, an average of some 268 per diem:—the Reading Rooms having been kept open 291 days. The number of books returned to the shelves of the General Library from the Reading Rooms was 119,093; to those of the Royal Library, 11,252; to those of the Grenville Library, 387; to the closets in which the books are kept from day to day for the use of the readers, 110,950 :- making a total of 241,682, or 830 per diem. The number of volumes added to the Library amounts to 16,208 (including music, maps, and newspapers); of which 837 were presented, 11,793 purchased, and 3,575 received by copyright. The Keeper of the MSS. has been busy cleaning, cataloguing, and stamping. Eleven of the valuable Cottonian MSS. on vellum (including the Chronicle of Roger de Wendover, supposed to have been utterly destroyed,) and two Old Royal as well as five Cottonian on paper, all injured in the fire of 1731, have been carefully repaired, inlaid and rebound. purchases include a Psalter of the tenth century, formerly belonging to the monastery of Stavelot, in the diocese of Liége,—"a remarkably fine Greek MS." containing the works ascribed to Dionysius the Areopagite,—and the Homilies of Gregory of Nazianzum, "with scholia written in the year 6480 (A.D. 972);"—together with nineteen additional volumes of a series of transcripts from the Archives at the Hague, of documents relating to English history, extending from 1588 to 1614 and from to 1702 .- In the "Department of Natural History," we find that great progress has been made in the arrangement of the contents of Room No. VI., -its wall cases having been entirely filled with the gigantic Osseous Remains of Edentata and Pachydermata, and that the Central Room of the Northern Zoological Gallery has been devoted to a collection of the Beasts, Birds, Fish, Reptiles, Shells, Sea Eggs, Starfish and Corals found in the British Islands. Of what Antiquities tells us, no information is more pleasing than that "the room appropriated to the exhibition of British and Mediæval objects is completed; the case are glazed, the shelves are nearly finished, and the painting is in progress." Nor are his purchases without their interest; including "a silver decadrachm of Alexander the Great, from the collection of Colonel Rawlinson, — the first ever discovered,—"and two very rare British gold coins, having on them the name TIN," — which, if we mistake not, will supply a paragraph to Mr. Punch. In the Department of Prints and Drawings Mr. Carpenter has not been idle; his additions including some fine examples of the several schools,—350 prints wanting in the Hollar collection,—and 1,200 portraits, principally of the English series.
The Return, it must be admitted, is particularly full; but might be made more complete by containing a return of the actual number of readers

possessing tickets of admission to the Reading

Rooms, and how many of that number have left the rooms without a hearty exclamation against the present catalogues of printed books.

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

THE sale on Wednesday next at the London Coffee House, on Ludgate Hill, of the Cadell copyrights of the works and life of Sir Walter Scott is exciting much curiosity and conjecture among publishers, printers, paper-makers and authors. What will they fetch? Who are likely to be the purchasers? Will the Row adventure? or will it end in some combination of papermaker and printer, like that of Messrs. Spicer & Clowes for the Catalogue of the Industrial Exhibition? Such are the questions common among publishers, printers, and paper-makers. Authors advert with a sort of professional pride to the enormous sale which the works have already obtained; realizing a fortune of some 130,000l. for one publisher alone,-and this when the books themselves had been long in the market, and their author was a bankrupt. The rumour runs, that the Row will hardly venture into the market; and that the biddings towards the last will lie with Mr. Tegg and some combination of printer and papermaker. The value of the copyrights consists, it is said, (we give but gossip) not so much in the stereotype plates and remaining stock, as in the probable profits of a new and cheap edition of each novel, at half-a-crown, well printed and well papered,—and of a good library edition to supplant, in all choice libraries, the forty-eight volume edition now the best existing.—Wednesday next will settle the question.—What would the works fetch in perpetuity? What would a perpetual copyright of Shakspeare realize on Thursday next at the London

We have seen a very interesting result of the labours of Mr. Charles Richard Weld, the historian of the Royal Society,—and who takes a far more than official interest in all its records. From the charter book of the Society he has collected into a handsome volume fac-similes of the signatures of three hundred of its members,-from the period of its institution down to the present time :- and in an index at the end of the volume he has supplied the date of the election of each. This is useful for reference:-but when we remember what names turn up in the pages of a volume like this, the idea of utility merges in the interest which attaches to looking them over. A more illustrious set of autographs could scarcely be brought together under a common denomination. The book has cost Mr. Weld both labour and money:—labour, because the great value of the charter book forbade him to place it in the hands of any lithographer, and he was therefore obliged to make all the fac-similes himself,-money, because the book is not to be published. A hundred copies only have been taken-intended for private circulation,-and the stones are rubbed down .-To the living Fellows of the Royal Society, we conceive, this must be a most acceptable tribute.

To provide as much as possible against the dishonest practices which may be expected to arise out of the great concourse of persons soon to be in London, the police authorities are preparing to act with increased rigour and severity in repressing disorders. Thieves by profession are likely to make a bad bargain. Last week it was stated from the Bench, that in every case of petty larceny committed in the public Parks or at the Exhibition during the summer months, a sentence of nine months hard labour shall be awarded as the minimum of punishment; and where it is found that a former conviction has taken place, the sentence is to be transportation. These strict measures are neces sary for the protection of visitors, both home and foreign.

The following regulations, just issued from the General Post-office, will be of interest to many of our provincial and foreign readers.—

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"Letters addressed 'Post-office, London,' or 'Poste
Restante, London,' are delivered only at the window of the
General Post-office, St. Martin's-le-Grand. The hours of
delivery from the Post-office window are from 10 A.M. to
4 P.M. When the person applying for letters is a foreigner,
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We have some reason to believe that, contary to the expectations which were confidently entatained, it is not the intention of the Admirally to send a steamer out this season to Barrow's Straits.

We find it stated in the morning journals that the Duke of Wellington has refused to present the petition of the heads of houses in Oxford against the Commission of Inquiry into the state of the two Universities. This rebuke from their Chacellor may possibly lead those heads of houses who have hitherto opposed the Royal Commission to re-consider their case, and reflect on the consequences which may result from persisting in the attitude which they have assumed. If presented to the Queen at all, the petition must now be sent through the Home Secretary.

Last week, Owens College in Manchester was pened with the flourishes usual in such cases Judging from the tone of the meeting and from the character of the lectures which were delivered there is good reason to hope that this new institution will be able to maintain a useful and honourable position in the north of England. Yet we are not altogether without our fears on its account. With the quarrel about religious teaching, introduced by the Trustees against the express wishes of the founder, our readers are familiar:—that quarre we must say is not satisfactorily ended. The Trutees have made no public declaration of their views; and they are now engaged in an appeal for addi-tional funds without offering any guarantee for the future. In the programme for the present session, the only paragraph which is connected with religion is one referring to certain lectures that are to be delivered on the Hebrew of the Old Testament, the Greek of the New, and on Scripture History; these lectures need not, of course, be made to convey anything beyond philological and historical information to the students, but it is equally certain that they may be made to teach doctrines. opinion in the locality is excited and dubious on this point; and we see no course which can, or which ought to, satisfy the doubts that have been raised as to the integrity of the Trustees' intention in so grossly mis-reading the will of the founder, except a distinct avowal on their part of present opinions and the execution of a deed tying them down for the future. Far from thinking, with some well-meaning persons in the town, that the best plan is to let the controversy die off of itself, -we entirely agree with the Manchester Examina and Times that the present is the proper time to obtain the necessary guarantees. If the public have no readier means of enforcing the provisions of the founder's will against the Trustees than the tedious process of a Chancery suit, they have at least the power to make their own conditions when giving the additional money that is required to erect a alter buildings, and so forth. If the laity abstain from making a rigid provision in favour of secular education at the outset, there is no reason to believe that Trustees so little bound by express stipulations would scruple to convert the institution into a clerical college should it meet their whims at any future time. Much trouble may be avoided by clear understanding.

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Our readers may be reminded that the Meeting of the British Association at Ipswich this year, is to commence on Wednesday, July the 2nd.

M. Henri Delatouche, a man of letters whose name had been for some years almost forgotten by the French literary world in which he at one time played an active part, died recently at the age of sixty-six. He had not been without influence on the literary revolution which under the name of Romanticism took place in France during the first quarter of the present century; and his edition, the first complete one, of the poems of André Chénier in 1819 added fresh fuel to the insur-Chénier in 1819 added fresh tuel to the insur-rectionary movement against the old school of classic literature. At a later period M. Dela-touche, alarmed at the progress of the innovators show he at first encouraged, published, under the title of 'La Camaraderie,' a pungent satire on the "mutual admiration" system—to use an American phrase—of the romantic school. To this publica-tion M. Scribe owed the title and subject of one of his cleverest comedies, and M. Delatouche a host of enemies whose attacks served to increase the natural acrimony of his literary disposition. Gifted with unusual perseverance and no inconsiderable with unusual perseverance and no inconsiderable talent, he lived a martyr to literary disappointment,—owing partly to an over-estimate of his own powers and partly to a want of sympathy with his fellow-labourers in the field of letters. Of his mamerous productions, the best known is undoubtedly the fictitious 'Correspondence between Pope Clement the Fourteenth and Carlo Bertinazzi, the celebrated Harlequin of Italian comedy, published in 1826,—a work in which he displayed great eleverness, though pandering somewhat too grealy by his attack on the Jesuits to the popular selings of the day.

The Continental papers report the death, at

Berlin, of the Russian philosopher Jacobi.
The bust of the late Prof. Samuel Cooper beinshed,—a meeting of the subscribers took place lat Saturday at the Thatched House Tavern for the purpose of determining where it should be placed. Many of the pupils of this distinguished surgeon wished to have the bust deposited in the e of his honourable labours, -within the walls of University College. It was, however, con-idered by the majority that by far the most appro-priate site would be the Council Room of the College of Surgeons, where already exists a series of busts of the distinguished ornaments of John Hunter, Cline, Abernethy, and Astley Coper.—Mr. Butler has executed a reduced figure of the bust; a copy of which in Parian is to be preented to every subscriber of one guinea.

Some of our readers may remember our having mentioned, a few months ago [Ath. No. 1202], on the authority of a Calcutta journal, the discovery of enormous fossil eggs in Madagascar. M. Isidore Geoffroy St. Hilaire, in a recent report to the French Académie des Sciences, furnishes further details; and the arrival of three eggs and some lones belonging to a gigantic bird, which have been presented to the Museum of Natural History m Paris, would seem to leave no room for doubt. Fairy tales are daily thrown into shade by the athentic records of Science. This last discovery ppears to have been stumbled on curiously enough. The captain of a merchant vessel trading to Madapasar noticed one day a native who was using for lomestic purposes a vase which much resembled an enormous egg, and on questioning him was in-formed that many such were to be found in the interior of the island. As we before said, the layest of these eggs—of which we gave the dimenconsideration of the state of t that of 135 hen's eggs. Some doubts were at first extertained as to the nature of the animal to which the fossil bones belonged; but M. Geoffroy St. Haire—a competent judge in such matters—has

The last portion of the wooden hoarding which has no long screened the front of Buckingham Place is now in course of being removed. The clarged area facing it in the Park remains in a very unsettled and unsightly state. Can it be that

further changes are contemplated in this quarter ? We notice that the plan has not been carried out exactly, - the pattern of the open space being different on the one side from what it is on the other. There are no signs as yet of the long-talked-of bridge across the ornamental water in St. James's Park being commenced. The ill-featured erection formerly thrown across this water was found to be of great convenience during the last large influx of foreign visitors-when the Allied Sovereigns visited the Prince Regent. An additional wing is to be added to the bar-racks in this Park, for the accommodation of the household troops. - Speaking of the public Parks, we have still to express our annoyance that nothing has yet been done towards clearing the Serpentine of its many impurities. In other re-spects, Hyde Park is in a neglected and disgraceful condition. In the early spring of the year, it has been the custom for some time past to repair the wear and waste of the previous summer. In a place so public, the paths soon get out of condition, and broad belts on either side are trodden bare of grass. This is the case at present, to a very great extent, —yet we do not observe that anything is in progress of being done to restore the waste. Now, as this soft verdure is the essential charm of our country in the eyes of strangers, we think it ought to be presented in its fairest aspect. The ground will no doubt be trampled bare enough in some places ere the season is out,—but that is no reason why we should not begin at our best.

The French papers report the discovery of a Comédie-Ballet, written by Molière in 1654, which has never been published in any of the numerous editions of his works. M. Lacroix, better known as the Bibliophile Jacob, has been so fortunate as as the Bibliophile Jacob, has been so fortunate as to find it hidden among the volumes of the National Library of Paris. It is entitled 'Le Ballet des Incompatibles;' and appears to have been written by order of the Prince de Conti, and acted before him at Montpellier by Molière himself and other persons of the Prince's circle. The fact of its having remained so long unknown is explained by the cir-cumstance of a few copies only having been printed for the favoured spectators. The plot is said to be ingenious and the verses not unworthy of the author of 'Les Femmes Savantes.' It is well known that when the Prince de Conti presided over the States of Languedoc in 1654 he invited thither Maline and Languedoc in 1655 he invited thither Molière and his company. For the former, indeed, he professed so much admiration that he offered him the confidential situation of secretary. The poet declined the proposal; but it seems natural enough that he should have shown his gratitude for the offer by composing for his patron one of those entertainments which cost him so little trouble. This same Prince de Conti, brother of the Grand Condé, who was at one time so passionately fond of theatricals that he used to make it his occupation to seek out subjects for new plays,—at a later period wrote a treatise entitled 'Traité de la Comédie et des Spectacles selon la Tradition de l'Eglise,' in which theatres were severely condemned on religious grounds, and Molière was personally and violently attacked.—It would have been indeed unfortunate if the poet had foregone his dramatic career for the sake of such unstable princely favour.

We notice the appearance of a new French Review published, weekly, under the somewhat comprehensive title of *La Politique Nouvelle*. In this country such a circumstance would be worthy of notice only in the case of the new publication recommending itself,—but in Paris the attempt is one of which most of our readers will scarcely appreciate the boldness. Up to the present day, the Revue des deux Mondes has been the only undertaking of the kind which has proved success ful; the rivals which have sprung up from time to time having all failed in turn in spite of the persevering efforts of their founders and the co-opera-tion of able pens. Indeed, in the sense which we attach to the word review our neighbours may be said to possess none: - the Revue des deux Mondes and its competitors being properly speaking magazines, in which literary criticism holds a comparatively small place. Tales, essays, short dramatic pieces, and more especially politics, make up the

chief matter,-while the critic is generally confined the nawly imposed obligation, however, of signing every article of the periodical press, even to the most trifling paragraph, bids fair to rob criticism. most trining paragraph, bids har to rob criticism in France—at least as far as contemporaries are concerned—of all freedom and independence, and to make the already disproportionate domain of politics still more extensive. La Politique Nouvelle, as the name indicates, comes before the public as the champion of the new Republican régime as opposed to the conservative tendencies of the older established Review, and offers battle with a promising array of names of future contributors. As more especially interesting to some of our readers, we may mention that the department of English reviews is confided to M. Léon de Wailly, the author of 'Stella and Vanessa' and the translator of Burns; whose name promises a knowledge and intelligent appreciation of English literature which our authors do not often find united in their French reviewers. The first two numbers before us contain contributions from the brilliant and caustic pen of Eugène Pelletan, and a serial from a favourite of the English public, Madame Charles Reybaud. Whatever may be the result to the competitors, the French public and authors must both be gainers by competition of some kind in the field of literary journalism.

BRITISH INSTITUTION, PALL MALL.

The GALLERY for the EXHIBITION and SALE of the WORKS of BRITISH ARTISTS is OPEN DAILY, from Ten till Five. -Admission, iz. Catalogue, iz. GEORGE NICOL, Secretary.

The WINTER EXHIBITION of WATER-COLOUR DRAW-INGS and SKETCHES IN OILS, comprising works by the most eminent living Artists, is OPEN from Ten till dusk dally.—Admission, including Catalogue, 1s., Season Tickets. 2s.

J. L. GRUXDY, Manager.

Will close in a few days.

EXHIBITION of MODERN BRITISH ART, at the Gallery of the Old Water Colour Society, 5, Pall Mall East, OFEN from Ten till Stx.—Admission. 13. SAMUEL STEPNEY, Sec.

"A more interesting and instructive Exhibition, comprising more first-class works, from a larger number of the highest names in Modern English Art, has perhaps never before been opened in this country."

EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY of BRITISH ARTISTS, incorporated by Royal Charter.—The TWENTY-FIGHTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION of this Society is NOW OPEN, from 9 A.M. until dusk.—Admittance, 18. sk.—Admittance, 18, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall East.

The CLASSIC PANORAMA of the NILE—EGYPTIAN HALL, PICCADILIX.—A vivid realization of all that is picturesque in scenery, grand in architecture, and interesting in detail, throughout the three countries of Egypt, Nubia, and Ethiopia. At Three and Eight of clock, with a Lecture by Mr. Hingston; and explanatory notes by Selim Aga, a native of Central Arrica.—Stalls, 2x; Pit, 1s, 6d; Balcony, 1s.

"Replete with information. A most interesting and instructive exhibition."—The Times.

GALLERY OF ILLUSTRATION, 14, Regent Street.—LAST WEEK BEFORE EASTER of the Diorama of the OVERLAND MAIL. The Proprietors be respectfully to announce that for the gratification of the numerous visitors expected in London during the above Diorama and to make several additions. It will therefore close on SATURDAY NEXT, March 29, and re-open on Easter Monday.—The Diorama illustratin; "OUR NATIVE LAND" will continue open daily as usual, at 5 and 7 o'clock.—Addinsion to each Diorama, la, 25, 64, and 3c.

NOW OPEN.—HOLY LAND DIORAMA.—At the Gallery of the New Society of Painters in Water Colours, 53, Pall Mail, a GRAND MOVING DIORAMA of SYRIA and P.ALESTINE, conveying the spectator from Egypt, on the track of the Israelites, to Mount Siani, and through Edon to the Promised Land and the City of Jerusalem; thence, carrying him to the shores of the Mediterranean, past Acre, Tyre, Sidon, and Beyrout, to Lebanon; then through dailiee to Samaria. Daily, at Three and Eight.—Admission, b.; Reserved Seats, 2s. 64.

The ORIGINAL DIORAMA, Rezent's Park,—NOW EX-HIBITING, Two highly interesting Pictures, each 70 feet broad and 50 feet high, representing MOUNT ÆTNA, in Sielly, during an Eruption; and the MOYAL CASTLE of STOLENPELS on the Rhine, with various effects. Admission to both Pictures only one Shilling.—Children under twelve years, half-price. Open from Ten till dusk.

SCIENTIFIC

SOCIETIES.

ROYAL. - March 6 .- Col. Sabine, Treasurer, KOYAL.—attrete c.—col. Saoine, Iressurer, V.P., in the chair.—A paper was read 'On the Rolling Motion of a Cylinder,' by the Rev. H. Moseley.—We may mention that the time for proposing candidates for election into the Royal Society this year has elapsed. The number of candidates is thirty-eight:—which exceeds the number in any previous year since the introduction of the new election regulations. Out of the above number it will be the duty of the Council to select fifteen, who will be recommended to the Society for election.

GEOLOGICAL.-March 12 .- W. Hopkins, Esq. President, in the chair.—C. Johnston, Esq. and Capt. R. Strachey were elected Fellows.—The following communications were read:—'On the Fossil Plants of Scarborough,' by C. J. F. Bunbury, Esq. In this paper were described ten species of ferms, calamites, &c. from the sandstones and shales of the oolite series in the neighbourhood of Scarborough and Whitby. These rocks, the author remarks, have for many years been known to geologists as being singularly rich in fossil remains of plants, equally remarkable for their beautiful state of preservation as for the variety of forms assembled within a small space. It may be said, indeed, that but for the "plant-beds" at Gristhorpe, Cloughton, Haiburn, and Whitby, but little would have been known of the vegetation of the Jurassic period. The following is a list of the plants described :- 1. Sphenopteris nephrocarpa, n. s.; 2. Baiera (?) gracilis, n. s., Schizopteris gracilis, Bean, M.S.; 3. Sagenopteriscuneata, Morris, Cat. Otopteris, L. & H.; 4. Pecopteris cueptusa, Phill.; 5. Pecopteris Williamsoni, Brong., Acrostichites, Goop., Pecopteris curtata, Phill.; 6. Pecopteris exilis, Phill., P. obtusa, L. & H., Cyatheites obtusifolius, Goop., 7. Equisctum (Asterophyllites) laterale, L. & H.; 8. Calamites giganteus, Bean, M.S.; 9. Cryptomerites S. Cadamites gipanicus, Bean, M.S.; S. Cryptomeries divaricatus, n. s.; 10. Palissya (*) Williamsoni, Brong., Lycopodites Williamsoni, Brong. and L. & H., L. uncifolius, Phill., Walchia Williamsoni, Morris, Cat. — 'On the Occurrence of upright Calamites near Picton,' by J. Dawson, Esq.—'Additional Remarks on the Structure of Calamites,' by J. S. Dawes, Esq. In addition to a detailed résumé of the observations of the continental naturalists on the structure of the Calamite and a critical comparison of the different views entertained by them, the author referred to his former communications on the subject, and detailed some additional observations which he had lately made. -remarking that in some parts of their structure the calamites more especially seemed to bear greater or less resemblance to the Sigillariæ, Haloniæ, Lepidodendra, and other plants of the coal formation.

INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS.—March 10. 'On the Architecture of Nineveh, as elucidated by Recent Discoveries,' by J. Fergusson, Esq. The writer described the situation and leading features of the different palaces explored by Mr. Layard; but in considering the architecture of Nineveh, a subject hitherto little noticed, confined himself to the ruins of Khorsabad,—which, under the direction of M. Botta, have been more fully investigated than any other mound. This palace, like those of Nimroud, comprises a number of court-yards, and several large apartments of small width compared with their length, separated by walls in some instances twenty-one feet thick. The winged bulls are nearly double the size of those in the British Museum. Col. Rawlinson has discovered that although the majority of the inscriptions refer to warfare and conquest, yet, those in the state apartments are undoubtedly on some architectural subject; being, so far as his present knowledge enables him to decipher them, descriptions, repeated again and again, of the building itself.—The main feature of Mr. Fergusson's paper was, a restoration of the upper part and roof of this palace; of which he exhibited a view and section. He conceives that a terrace roof was sustained, at some height above the chambers, on wooden pillars, similar in character to those of Persepolis; the interval between the roof and the top of the walls forming open galleries for the admission of light and air, whilst the space was not great enough to admit of the direct rays of the sun entering the cham-This mode of construction he illustrated by reference to an ancient mosque in India, which presented exactly the same features. The existence of the Ionic order and other Greek forms, as well as the use of the arch in the architecture of Assyria, was adverted to; and Mr. Fergusson gave a brief chronology of that empire, with reference to the interesting remains which have excited so much attention.—A discussion followed the reading. The lecturer's restorations were admitted to be ingenious and plausible; and a hope

was expressed that Mr. Layard might yet succeed in finding some traces of the original position of the supposed wooden columns. — Mr. Penrose exhibited and displayed the working of an instrument for drawing the Ionic volute: and Mr. Rogers exhibited some carved book covers.-It was resolved, that the Royal Gold Medal of the Institute be presented to Prof. Donaldson, in consideration of his professional abilities and his zealous devotion to the literature and practice of Art and architec-ture, and more especially of his unwearied exertions to promote the interests of the Institute, of which he was one of the founders.

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Geographical, 8-" Notes on Southern and Central Africa, recently received, "On the Geography of Southern Peru, "Dir. W. Bollacet.

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TUES. Royal Institution, 3-" on the Geographical Distribution of Cyramiced Beings, by Prof. E. Porbes.

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Antiquaries, and their Practical Application, by the Rev. J. Barlow.

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Royal Institution, 3.—4 On the Non-Metallic Elements, by Prof. Brande.

Medical, 8.

PHOTOGRAPHY ON GLASS.-We have been re uested by Mr. Mayall to add to his account of the new photographic process which appeared in our columns last week [ante, p. 304] the name of the gentleman from whom he obtained it—and to whom its invention is due. By a mere inadvertence this was omitted last week. To M. Martens, an artist of Paris, belongs the credit of what Mr. Mayall calls "one of the most brilliant discoveries ever made in sun painting:"—and one of Mr. Mayall's objects in his communication was, to call attention to that gentleman's claim.

FINE ARTS

The Stones of Venice. Vol. I. The Foundations.
By John Ruskin. With Illustrations drawn by the Author. Smith, Elder & Co.

WE may safely predict that many will be the starts and starings, and sundry the wincings, that will be produced by the additional corpus of architectural doctrine and criticism just put forth by Mr. Ruskin. Whatever reception it may obtain from the press and the public, it cannot fail to prove distasteful to professional men generally, --more especially so to one or two who will feel themselves personally aggrieved by some of the writer's remarks. His censures are so widely flung about, his denunciations are so dogmatic and curt, his doctrine is so directly counter to all the teachings and practices of our own time, and so subversive of nearly all hitherto received authority, that those who are otherwise at variance with each other will make common cause against Mr. Ruskin as their common foe. They who might have acquiesced in his sweeping condemnation of "the pestilent art of the Renaissance" will be horrified by his deof the Kenaissance will be horrined by his de-claring the towers of York Minster to be no better than "confectioner's Gothic"! They who would excuse his pointing to Early English capitals as exhibiting "a barbarism of triple grossness"—or his talking of "the dissolute dullness of English Flamboyant," and of "bewildered Tudor" be wroth at his presuming to depose the Ionic from the rank of a legitimate, bond fide order,—or at his now applying the epithet "detestable" to Alhambra decoration, as he had previously done to our English Perpendicular style. "The idiocies of the present day" is an expression ill calculated to propitiate in his favour either the profession or their employers.

Mr. Ruskin ought, therefore, to be prepared for a good deal of sturdy resistance, in various quarters, to the several opinions promulgated in his

new work. To what quarter can he turn for aid new work. To what quarter can be turn for ad,
—or even for sympathy? He will not find either
in Regent and Oxford Streets:—for he decidedly
disapproves of "the wasteful finery" of shops.
There will be none in Pall Mall and its neighbour. hood:—for he sneers at the "feeble coxcombry of hood:—for he sneers at the Theorie coxcombry of club-houses." He will get none at the Treasury.— —for he speaks of the new façade as "a singularly bad example." He can have few friends among the various dealers in manufactured ornaments, or in the class of decorators generally:—as few among railway directors and shareholders. The follower of Vitruvius, of Sansovino, and of Palladio mus look on him as their declared enemy, and as an utter barbarian in taste. Shall he turn to the Roman Catholics for admirers and supportent They must regard him as a most "pestilent" heretic. Even had he let their creed alone, there is one rather conspicuous member of their body to whom he must have given such mortal offence, that he would willingly join, no doubt, in an autodaste of the book, since here he may not of the author. Speaking of Mr. Pugin, in the article of the Appendix headed 'Modern Romanist Art,' Mr. Ruskin makes no scruple of expressing him self thus daringly and dogmatically

"One might have put this man under a pix, and left his, one should have thought; but he has been brought forwar, and partly received, as an example of the effect of cerus-nial splendour on the mind of a great architect. It is ny necessary, therefore, that all those who have felt sorror at this should know at once that he is not a great architest, but one of the smallest possible or conceivable architect and that by his own account and setting forth of himself."

For a sentence so summary from a self-invested hierophant of art Mr. Pugin will perhaps conse himself by reflecting that he is condemned in very excellent company. He has for companions in his misery such men as Veronese and Rubens, Claude and Canova. Of the last-mentioned artist, Mr. Ruskin says:—"The admiration of Canova I hold to be one of the most deadly symptoms in the civilization of the upper classes in the present century." Pretty strong that,—and raising, many will think, a question as to the condition of the writer's mind. Neither will Mr. Fergusson and Mr. Garbett much relish the notice bestowed respectively on them .- A writer whose hand is thus against everybody must expect to find a variety of hands against him. It may be ques-tioned if this is worth while. The flippancy of the book robs it of all authority,—and the dogma-tism has an extravagance about it which is much too amusing to be dangerous.

Thus far we have intimated to our readers the stirring kind of stuff that is to be found scattered up and down throughout this goodly volume of four hundred and odd pages. To give a methodical account of its contents must be left to those journals which profess to take especial cognizance of architecture :- and they ought to welcome it as a grand pièce de resistance, which will afford them cut-andcome-again as long and as often as they please. We, however, must be content with a few slices, and with having helped ourselves to some of the seasoning.

One thing which comes properly within our province for remark is, among Mr. Ruskin's affectations, his penchant for mystical and metaphorical titles. 'The Seven Lamps of Architecture' was a title which successfully defied professional men to guess beforehand what they might expect from so curiously named a book. The title of a pamphlet just published by the same writer is likely to occasion some ludicrous mistakes; for should the country gentleman order Mr. Ruskin's 'Notes on the Construction of Sheep-folds' under the idea of its relating to the management and housing of sheep, he will be greatly surprised to find that he has been inveigled, under a most pastoral pretence, into purchasing a theological essay concerning 'The Stones of church discipline and doctrine. Venice' is a title which, though less mystical than the first of the above and less misleading than the second, is yet not very clearly expressive of the subject which the author has in hand.

The headings of several chapters are in a similar style of fanciful mystification. The first chapter, bearing the title of "The Quarry," answers to is denomination only in a very strained andfar-fatched

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Such at least, so far as we can at present make out, is the plan of this strange work. What we get in "The Foundations" is, the author's theory and doctrine of the elements of architecture; the inst nineteen chapters being on constructive forms, the others on the forms of decoration. With this explanation, our readers will probably be at no less to understand the scheme of the book before as but it would be easier for us to write a coninuous commentary that would form a volume of marly equal bulk with the one commented on, than draw up an outline description sufficiently sucemut, yet sufficiently accurate, of its contents, and of the writer's most prominent ideas and opinions. The difficulty is increased because the principles hid down and commented on in the text could lardly be made at all intelligible without the

seempaying plates and diagrams.
We might, indeed, transfer to our columns some of the outpourings of Mr. Ruskin's "eloquence;" but we are content to leave them to be exhibited by the admirers of whimsically studied quaintness, act and more furtion rant, including not a listle of sole more furtion rant. or of such mere fustian rant—including not a little emtalso—as may be found at page 339 and in the immediately following ones. Here, by-the-by, Mr. Ruskin schoolmasters Mr. Garbett for denying that all natural forms are beautiful, -and appeal ing to "that stale, second-hand, one-sided, and misnderstood saying of Raffaelle's," that the stat's object should be to make things not as Name makes them, but as she would make them.

Mr. Ruskin is not, however, invariably on tills. Some of his comparisons are as low as his satimental flights are lofty. He lets us see more than once that he can exchange the buskin for the sek; as, for instance, when he compares the base of the York column to a huge "sausage,"—or then he compares the bases of the columns in the perico of Hanover Chapel to so many piles of "collection-plates!" Another comparison in the factions style occurs at page 193; where, as one the sin of Renaissance architects, Mr. Ruskin dages them with constructing the heads of undows "on the principle of a hat with its crown swn up!" Now, we have seen pediments over vindows likened to "cocked hats:"—but what em up !" memblance can possibly be discerned between the and of any window and a hat with its crown sewn p is beyond our ability to conjecture. — Mr. Rukin, we believe, wanted only to be "funny."

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Though somewhat undignified, such whimsical alies may be overlooked:—not so Mr. Ruskin; equicious and arbitrary innovations in archistural language. Its vocabulary has been of late parconsiderably enlarged by the addition of terms intenied by Willis and others, whose propriety and distinctiveness have caused them to be generally shoted; whereas those here originated by Mr. bakin are calculated rather to disturb and confuse has to enlarge our stock of technical terms. What than to enlarge our stock of technical terms. What spined by substituting "wall-veil" for "wall," the former term implies no more than the other? The tormer term implies no more than the other? It was a pier "a coagulated wall"?—
thich expression might itself be called a coagulated no. Far from being rendered more copious, stained language would be actually impoverished by some of Mr. Ruskin's innovations. He discards the word "splay," and substitutes that of "bevel,"—wifthe latter signified just as much as the other; and he does so for no better reason than that he

has a dislike to the word "splay,"—wherefore, it may be presumed that he is unacquainted with its etymology. We may be excused, then, for informing him that it comes from the verb to display."—the oblique surface produced by cutting off the angle of the pier of a window, &c., becoming thereby displayed or splayed.—More unwarrantable still is the rejection of the term "coping," and Mr. Ruskin's employment of that of "cornice" instead. This is confounding together things that are executelly displayed and there. things that are essentially different,—and therefore ought to be plainly distinguished by different appellations. About as reasonable and convenient is his reduction of the number of the Orders to two, -viz., Doric and Corinthian:—to the utter extinc-tion, it would seem, of the Ionic; because, although he will not allow it to be a distinct Order, he does not inform us with which of the other two it is to be classed as a variety. It can scarcely be so with the Doric: while it is certain that it is not an offshoot from the Corinthian,—it having been per-fected almost before the latter had begun to show itself at all.

How offensive many of Mr. Ruskin's opinions and remarks must prove to many here at home may be easily guessed from those which we have quoted; nor is he likely to obtain favour anywhere else,—not even at Venice itself. His condemnation of Sansovino and Palladio cancels the obli-Palace. His doctrine suits no European latitude; neither that of Paris nor that of Rome—neither that of Munich nor that of Berlin. It will not recommend itselfat St. Petersburgh, nor in Edinburgh—and just as little at New York. It runs counter to a host of deeply-rooted prejudices; some of them very convenient, others very respectable. Were it adopted, all our professors would have to go to school again; our architects—leading ones and others—to sit down meekly at the feet of the new self-dubbed Gamaliel, Mr. Ruskin. Such new self-dubbed Gamaniei, Mr. Russin. Such humility and docility are not to be looked for.— However, they might be wise to profit by such really wholesome advice and sound as well as inge-nious remarks as may be discovered scattered up and down throughout a stratum of transcendental conceits and fantastical phraseology.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY, Exeter Hall.—Conductor, Mr. COSTA.—WEDNESDAY NEXT, March. 25, will be repeated HANDELS Ornatore, 'SAMSON.' Vocalists:—Misses Birch, Dolby, Mr. Lockey, Mr. Whitworth, and Mr. H. Phillips. The Ornestra, the most extensive available in Exeter Hall, will consist of tincluding 16 double basses mearly 700 performers. Tickets, 3s.; Reserved Seats in Area or Gallery, 3s.; Central Area, numbered Seats, 198. 6d.—at the Society's sole Office, 6, Exeter Hall, or of Mr. Bowley, 53, Charing Cross.

St. Martin's Hall...—To the selection of music for last Wednesday's Monthly Concert almost unqualified praise may be given. The first act consisted of the "Credo" to Sebastian Bach's Mass in sisted of the "Credo" to Sebastian Bach's Mass in B minor, in which the solos were taken by Miss Kearns, Mdlle. Graumann and Signor Marchesi—a very pleasing Offertorium, by Mr. E. Fitzwilliam, sung by Mrs. Endersohn and encored—and Mozart's Motett 'Ne pulvis et cinis,' with the solo by Signor Marchesi.—The second part consisted of the second act of Gluck's 'Orfeo,' in which the music of Orfeo was sung by Mdlle. Graumann; lastly, the overture (encored) and the sea-shore scene from Weber's 'Oberon,' including the grand scena 'Ocean,' which was finely delivered by Mrs. Endersohn, with almost all the power and brilliancy, and none of the almost all the power and brilliancy, and none of the vulgarity, of the original Reiza.

The main interest of the evening-to every musi-The main interest of the evening—to every musician, nothing less than absorbing—was, the music of Sebastian Bach. To the grandeur of this many an English student has been able to speak by the eye—but no untravelled one, heretofore, by the ear. In its enormous difficulty lies the excuse for the long silence in which this Mass has lain, and the reason why it never can be executed with perfect case under the average conditions of musi-cal execution. A body of picked voices, devoting themselves exclusively to the choral practice of

* Instead of having their talls cut off, words are some-times abbreviated by being beheaded; by which process "hospital," for instance, is converted into "spital," although the author of a certain architectural dictionary is pleased to make spital the etymon of the other word,— therefore, no doubt, also derives "omnibus" from "buss."

this music, as the Papal singers did to the music of Palestrina, might possibly arrive at unwavering precision in time, tone, tune and expression:—but were this attained, then must come the orchestra with all its tissue of independent designs—some wrought out by instruments now obsolete—not to speak of solo performers who should be as firm as automata in their execution of vocal passess totally beyond the hounds of all known fance. sages totally beyond the bounds of all known fancy, in which, moreover, the fitness of the music to the in which, moreover, the fitness of the music to the words has been not seldom overlooked—yet who are called on to acquit themselves as artists, not as automata. All these truths taken into account as so many stones of the bridge which will for ever separate the domains of Giant Bach the scarcely accessible from Giant Handel the majestically familiar,—the former in right of his choral music must be enthroned as a giant in stature equal to, if not exceeding, the latter. The pomp of the opening of the 'Credo,' with its artful intertexture and stupendous harmonies, the deep expression and dramatic modulations of the 'Et incarnatus, the jubilant glory of the 'Et in-carnatus,' the jubilant glory of the 'Et resurrexit' and the confession succeeded by triumph in the final chorus from the 'Comiteor' up to the 'Amen,' were absorbing (to repeat our epithet in default of a better) in the dignity of their first ideas and the consummate science and unexpectedness with which these are amplified. Let it be added that the extreme difficulty of this music will be most largely felt by the scientific ear. It appears to have come naturally, not to have been strained for, come naturally, not to have been strained for,—
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well-proportioned, and rich in details. Thus much in statement of our impressions of the choruses. The solos are strange, -and, we think, of an inferior The solos are strange,—and, we think, of an inferior excellence:—such beauty of melody as they contain being chiefly given to the orchestral ritornels. In the duet 'Et in unum Dominum' two sopromivoices are perpetually taxed, in reply, with the most harassing divisions of time and the strangest setting of the Latin text. Yet, were this duet once thoroughly mastered, it might possibly sound as naturally flowing as 'Cantando un di.' So, again, the bass solo in the 'Et resurrexit' is tantamount to the most crabbed of solf-gin;—while through. to the most crabbed of solfeggi; -while throughout the air 'Et in spiritum sanctum,' with its lovely pastoral ritornel for the oboe (why pastoral to such words?), the singer has to grope his way, distanced oftener than supported by the accompaniment, through zig-zag mazes of sound, where the eye must lead him because the ear offers no assistance—and in which the mind suggests no clue—so arbitrarily purposeless seems the ordinance of the song, if the words are studied. In these bass solos (the former one especially) Signor Marchesi deserves high praise. One slight slip allowed for, they were delivered with firmness of style, welcome flexibility and fullness of voice, and propriety of expression. Long as are our scattered remarks, we must still hope that Mr. Hullah will perform this 'Credo' again, to enable us on future occasions to approach it more nearly and to characterize it more minutely. —We have space left only to commend Mdlle. Graumann for the vocal finish and pleasing expression with which she delivered the music of Gluck. Last of all, and above all, did Mr. Hullah's chorus merit no common measure of approval for its steadiness in time and tune throughout its task. Here and there it was timid,—but only where most other choirs would have stopped short or gone astrav.

CONCERTS OF CHAMBER MUSIC. - Mdlle. Graumann—the most pleasing of German mezzi-soprani within our recollection—received her friends en Monday;—on which day, also, was given the second of Mr. Kiallmank's entertainments. On Tuesday, the second of Mr. N. S. Bennett's and of M. Rousselot's Chamber-Concerts were held.—M. Mühlenfeldt, too, has been "at home" during the week.—We can but enumerate these entertainments, and single out the third Musical Evenium of Mr. Lucas, on Thursday, for the sake of the posthumous Quintett by Mendelssohn, which was erformed on that occasion. This is a gift of firstrate value to competent players; and competent in the best sense of the word must they be to do justice to the force and vivacity of the opening allegro and finale, both in B flat major, both in Mendels-sohn's gayest humour, which, however gay, was never triffing. In place of minuet there is a quaint andante in G minor,—in character something be-twixt a popular melody and one of the old-fashioned dance-measures of which Bach, and Handel, and Scarlatti, and Couperin loved to avail themselves to relieve their most scientific compositions. The adagio in D minor is of loftier quality, -like the two first movements of the composer's posthumous Quartett in F minor, betokening an advance upwards into those regions of sublime passion which before our author only Beethoven entered. Whereas former instrumental adagios by Mendelssohn have a certain scholastic character, almost precluding contrast and variety,—this movement, based on a noble idea, is diversified by new figures of accompaniment and episodical devices, with a play of fancy to which its composer seemed only wakening when he was bidden to cease altogether .- In particular, the close where the large and elevated melody in the major key, after being uttered by the violoncello, is divided among the five instruments in full harmony, is sublime.—The Quintett was very finely played by M. Sainton, the Messrs. Blagrove, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Lucas.

ROYAL ACADEMY CONCERTS.—The first of these was in every respect as a students' concert more promising than most of the meetings of recent It made known to us three fresh and good voices in Miss Oakley, Miss Browne and Miss Freeman:—it encouraged us to hope for a composer in Mr. C. Steggall, by whom a part of the opening of a mass was given,—the 'Gloria' being effective and, in some points, new. Lastly, it accredited to us a well-trained pianoforte player in Mr. Cusins,—who gave Mendelssohn's second Concerto with considerable brilliancy and force. -The chorus, moreover, seemed better practised than it has of late been. The compositions performed were, Mendelssohn's Psalm in E flat, come, let us worship,' brought forward some few seasons ago by Mr. Hullah, and Beethoven's least happy work but one,-for such we must style his 'Mount of Olives.'

Princess's.—An abridged version of MM. Granger and X. de Montepin's drama 'Pauline, by Mr. Oxenford, was produced here on Monday The interest of the plot is old and worn out, and the merit of the play consists almost entirely in its structure. The story and the dialogue are nothing. The latter consists of commonplaces, relying for effect on the manner of the performer. A rich lady in Bengal, attracted by the valiant behaviour of Count Horace de Beaupré (Mr. Kean) during a tiger hunt, in which she believes him to have perished, cherishes a secret sentiment for his When afterwards domesticated in the memory. When afterwards domesticated in the north of France, and about to be married to her cousin Lucien (Mr. J. Vining), she is surprised by a visit from Count Horace, who arrives in time to save Lucien from a boar while hunting. After a brief struggle, Pauline (Mrs. Kean) consents to resign her cousin for a lover whom she has believed to be dead, but who is thus restored. The marriage proves unhappy. The wonderful calmness of the Count's character, his indifference to danger, and his invincible dexterity, which had formed the fascination that originally spell-bound the lady's affections, now, with other circumstances, lead to a sense of mystery and suspicion alike perplexing and distressing. Two strange companions and a Malay servant help to excite the terrors of the newly married countess. Arrived at their chateau, and left alone at night while a storm rages with-out, these terrors reach their climax. She finds a secret pannel leading to a private staircase: and hearing some one ascending the steps,—she re-treats to a couch and feigns sleep. The pannel opens, and Horace enters in a blouse. Believing her in slumber, he retires. After a while, she follows through the pannel; and becomes witness

of proceedings between him and his bandit companions and a fair captive for the possession of whom the latter dispute. Horace suddenly puts an end to the controversy by shooting the unfortunate lady. Pauline shrieks:—and thus discovered, falls herself into peril. Between the second and third acts a year elapses. Pauline is stated to be dead, slain by robbers; and Count Horace is the suitor of her cousin Gabrielle, -the heiress to Pauline's wealth. Lucien, however, arrives just in time to prevent the marriage, and tears up the contract in presence of the Count :who demands satisfaction. At this moment, Pauline enters dressed in black. It appears that she had been confined in a subterranean cell, and was believed to have been starved to death; but Lucien had rescued her. The Count might now, notwithstanding his crimes, have effected a reconciliation,-for Pauline still loves him. But the desperate man insists on arranging a duel across the table with Lucien,-one pistol only to be loaded with ball, and the weapons to be drawn by chance. The duel is fought in the presence of friends. Horace receives the cousin's fire and falls.

Such is the piece:—the sole interest of which lies in the calm and cold bearing of the hero, and in the devotion and agitation of the heroine. The manners are throughout those of polite drawingroom society, without levity or wit. In the two leading characters Mr. and Mrs. Kean appeared perfectly at home, -and produced an effect which showed how well the piece had been put together for stage working .- It was quite succe

HAYMARKET. — On Monday we had another opportunity of judging of Mr. William Wallack's tragic capacity. His new part was Macbeth. We found our former impressions corroborated; first, in respect to the composite nature of his style,next, as to his power of original conception,—and thirdly, as to his talent as an executant. Mr. Wallack's conception of Macbeth, however, is not so pure as his idea of Othello,-blending as it occasionally does with the ordinary stage tradi-Much of Macbeth's primitive nobleness was preserved in the early scenes; and the remorse felt for the murder and during its perpetration was discriminated from mere moral cowardice,but not in all respects sufficiently. The dagger soliloquy was well delivered; but Mr. Wallack's manner of contemplating the ghost was too material,-too Forrest-like. In other minute points we caught traces of Macready and others. resemblances may result from our own associations: -should they be intentional on the part of the young actor, we advise him to discard the habit of imitation, and trust entirely to himself. With his obvious mental and physical requisites, he may safely do so. We have likewise to repeat our former counsel-that he should not stop the current of passion by an affected metaphysical analysis of the expressions which are its vehicle. Mr. Wallack's manner of saying to the apparition "Had I three ears I'd hear thee" was altogether wrong. The poet meant not deliberation,—but vehemence. On the whole, however, the Macbeth was a masterly performance—thoughtful, emotional and pic-turesque—though not throughout equal, and sometimes deficient in stateliness.—The due impression of the early scenes with his wife was seriously impaired by the apparent want of that influence which it was the poet's intention that Lady Macbeth should exercise over her lord. With much effort. Miss Addison failed to illustrate this; and some of her expedients for effect proved so eccentric as to endanger the gravity of the situation. The rest of the tragedy was respectably performed.

DRURY LANE .- A new piece entitled ' A Morning Call' has been produced at this house. It is from the pen of Mr. Dance. Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Nisbett fill the characters of a gay country baronet (Sir Edward Ardent) and a coquetting widow (Mrs. Chillingtone), whose courtship, with its bickerings and jealousies, forms the theme of the piece.—It was successful. It should be added. that Mr. Dance is obviously indebted for his leading idea to M. Alfred de Musset's celebrated French proverbe, 'Il faut qu'une porte soit ouverte

ou fermée.'—The little drama was preceded by the revival of the musical farce of 'The Turnpike

OLYMPIC.- 'Charles King' is the title of a new drama produced at this theatre. It is from the pen of Mr. Holcroft. The plot turns on two chapen of Mr. Holerott. The Piot which on two character-parts:—a French girl, Mimi, with broken English, played by Mrs. Stirling; and a Dutchman, Peter van Pousen, by Mr. Leigh Murrs, These serve to connect together certain ancedeal items of Charles the Second's time, in which the old familiar erotic licences constitute the complexities of the interest.-The piece was moderately successful.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC GOSSIP. - The programme of the Royal Italian Opera has been issued since we wrote last. The prime donne remain as last year, Mesdames Grisi, Castellan, and Viardot, with Mdlle. Morra in place of Mdlle. Vera. For contralti, Mdlle. Vintale and Mdlle. Angri are engaged. The tenors are, as last season, Signer Mario, Tamberlik, Maralti, &c. &c. Among baritoni, Signor Salvatore replaces, we suppose, Signor Tamburini, - Signor Ronconi returning. Among the deep basses, the list of which includes Herr Formes, Signori Tagliafico, Polonini, &c. &c., Signor Bianchi (from Berlin) is the new name.—The new works promised to be given are M. Auber's 'L'Enfant Prodigue,' and M. Gouned's 'Sapho,'-with some from the following list:-'Il Flauto Magico, '—' Les Martyrs,' by Donizetti,—' Euryanthe,'—' La Vestale,'—' Fidelio, '—and the ' Faust' of Spohr .- All other arrangements remain as they were :- the theatre now having already a repertory comprising thirty-three works,-or, in. other words, nearly all the operas adapted to a large theatre which keep the stage.

Our contemporaries are speaking in praise of Mr. Sheard, a tenor singer, who has been unanimously elected to fill a vacancy in the choir of St. George's Chapel at Windsor,-having come, it is added, from the private chapel at Dalkeith Palace.

Good reason may be given why the 'Isaiah' of Mr. Jackson of Masham should be briefly noticed here, in place of being reserved for separate re-view. The writer's history is one entitling him to all sympathy and credit. He is one of our many countrymen whose musical sense, when young, was developed by the village performances of Oratorios given in the dales of Yorkshire and the smaller manufacturing towns of Lancashire; -and what he knows seems from a biographical sketch last year published in Eliza Cook's Journal to have been in large part self-acquired. The works published by him contain many traces of that fancy and feeling lacking which exercises may be written, but com positions will never be produced. On the other hand, the science to complete, the power to select, and the experience to test withal, are yet to be acquired by Mr. Jackson. Bar on bar exist in this 'Isaiah' which are only so much random-work. Modulation on modulation might be pointed out, standing where they stand merely from the incapacity of their author to have introduced any more masterly progression. Mr. Jack son's music is strictly amateur in its character, and though put forth under conditions of more than ordinary interest, it would serve no good purpose to conceal the fact.

The Gazette Musicale records that 'Les Deux Sergens,' an opera by M. Louis, which has been performed with success in the French provinces, has been just given with the same result at Ver-sailles. The same journal announces that M. Rosenhain's 'Démon de Nuit' was to be given on Monday last, and M. Gounod's 'Sapho' very shortly (the latter work being all but ready);-that I tre Matrimonii, is an opera by Signor Alary, 'I tre Matrimonii,' is in rehearsal at the Italian Theatre (somewhat late in the season for the production of a new work); and that an opera composed by M. Duprez may possibly be given during the coming season at Her Majesty's Theatre.—Among all these novelties, let us hope that some one will prove to be really

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Madame Rose Chéri has made, it is said, "a hit" in a new five-act play, founded on the novel of 'Manon Lescaut':—heroines of the picaroon school appearing now to command the French stage.—M. Latour de Saint-Ybars has just produced a new five-act drama in verse, 'Les Routiers,' at the Théâtre Porte St.-Martin, which seems to be a lamentable descent from his 'Virginie.'

MISCELLANEA

Sir Francis Bryan's Letters.—Mr. Lemon is quite right, I have no doubt, in his statement respecting the number of extant autographs of Sir Francis Bryan, the poet of the right of Henry VIII. and Edward VI. My paper regarding bin and his productions was written long ago for the Royal Society of Literature, and I have never seen it since; but what I meant to say—and what, if my recollection serves me. I did say—was, that the letter from him and Sir John Rusell, in my hands, is the only one with which I am acquainted in a private collection. I have made inquiries within the last few months, and I have heard of no other; but, of course, this is a point upon which I may be very assiy mistaken. I never pretended to speak of the contents of public institutions and of the State Paper Office, with which Mr. Lemon is necessarily familiar,—and I observe that he only refers to the notice of my paper in the Athenceum.

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he only refers to the notice of my paper in the Athenaeum. I am, yours, &c. J. PAYRE COLLIER.

Latin Orthography.—March, 1851.—In a late Athenaeum were some remarks on the substitution, in printing a Medistral Latin work, of the letter k for c, and an allusion to what we call the soft sound of c before certain vowels and diphthogs. Now, as you are aware, this soft sound is a modern or Gothic corruption and change of c into; the Roman c having always been hard, even with sprefixed, as "sceleris," "scena," (skeleris, skena). Mr. almowth, in his Dictionary, long ago pointed out the abundity of our change of c into; and he blamed an intrusion of so the letter, "congratulating us that the Goths have mothing of Greek, or we should have to read aistia for airia. The Latin g, as the Greek, was hard. The Italians aspirate the c in Cicero: and the Swedes (modern Goths or Romans) use c or k indifferently, and before certain vowels, aspirate it. Surely we ought to correct errors with respect to c, g and t; and, these letters restored, we should do well to pronounce Latin not according to accent, but to a better guide, quantity. Our English pronunciation of Latin might then dely the sneers of Pio Nono, or of any other foreigner,—since the vowels of a dead tongue may be made English as fairly as French, German, or Italian. In short, vowels can take care of themselves; but easomants require protection and must not be changed, if we would preserve the ipsissima verba of ancient Rome.

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